

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN . OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN,

For the year ending Feb. 16, 1896.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN,
COMPRISING THOSE OF THE
Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor,
For the Year Ending Feb. 16, 1896.

NEW BEDFORD:
E. ANTHONY & SONS, Incorp., PRINTERS.
1896.

List of Town Officers for the Year 1895-96.

TOWN TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

FRANCIS DE P. TAPPAN, 4 months.
CHARLES F. SWIFT, 13 days.
FRANCIS W. TAPPAN, 7 months, 18 days.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

DANIEL W. DEANE,
ALBERT B. COLLINS,
NATHANIEL SEARS.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

NATHANIEL SEARS,
ALBERT B. COLLINS,
DANIEL W. DEANE.

ASSESSORS.

ALBERT B. COLLINS,
HENRY T. AKIN,
GEORGE A. PIERCE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. C. HANNA, Jr.,	Term expires in 1896.
C. C. CUNDALL,	Term expires in 1896.
GEORGE H. PALMER,	Term expires in 1897.
GEORGE W. STEVENS,	Term expires in 1898.

SEWER COMMISSIONERS.

WESTON HOWLAND,	Term expires in 1899.
ELBRIDGE G. PAULL,	Term expires in 1898.
FRED S. GIFFORD,	Term expires in 1897.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

LUTHAN T. DAVIS.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS.

EBENEZER G. GRINNELL.

CONSTABLES.

JOSHUA R. DELANO,
THOMAS W. NYE.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES.

JOHN I. BRYANT,
ROBERT W. PEASE,
HARRISON G. O. NYE.

FINANCIAL.

UNPAID TAXES FOR 1893.

Manter, John H.,	\$2.95
Peck, James N.,	2.00

Non-resident.

Delano, Ursilla M.,	1.02	
Riley, Peter J.,	3.40	
Thorp, Joseph,	2.04	\$11.41

UNPAID TAXES FOR 1894.

Alden, John,	\$2.00
Alden, William K.,	2.00
Austin, Loring M.,	10.25
Babbitt, James M.,	2.00
Babbitt, Joseph M.,	2.00
Battles, Benjamin,	2.00
Bliss, Alexander F.,	2.00
Briggs, Benjamin T., Jr.,	2.00
Brooksby, Mary,	5.70
Carpenter, Charles L.,	2.75
Chaquette, Louis,	6.95
Cook, Charles W.,	2.00
Corson, James,	3.50
Cumming, Arthur,	2.00
Delano, Charles A.,	2.00
Dexter, Frederick C.,	2.00
Drew, Charles Le B.,	2.00
Eldred, Lemuel D.,	2.00
Gifford, Herman W.,	2.00
Gifford, Joseph T.,	2.00

Hanna, William A.,	\$2.00
Holecomb, Charles R.,	3.80
Jenney, James A.,	65.15
Manter, John H.,	2.75
Padelford, James C.,	2.00
Peck, James N.,	2.00
Perry, Joseph J.,	2.00
Perry, Manuel J.,	2.00
Peters, William L.,	2.00
Quirk, Fred J.,	2.00
Rounseville, Silas H.,	2.00
Tripp, Herbert L.,	4.40

Non-resident.

Bamforth, Henry,	1.50	
Butler, Julia,	1.23	
Davis, James,	1.20	
Davis, Thomas,	2.25	
Delano, Ursilla M.,	.90	
Doyle, Patrick J.,	3.30	
Dugan, Mary A.,	6.30	
Gro, Mary,	4.50	
Hingham, Elizabeth,	1.50	
Millette, Felix,	1.35	
Parkinson, Albert E.,	1.20	
Powers, Ellen,	1.05	
Riley, Peter J.,	3.00	
Thorp, Joseph H.,	1.80	
Welch, John,	30.00	
Whittaker, Benjamin,	1.50	\$211.83

UNPAID TAXES, 1895.

Akin, Frederick W.,	\$2.39
Alden, Silas D.,	2.00
Alden, William K.,	2.00
Allen, William M.,	2.00

Anthony, Joseph S.,	\$2.53
Ashley, William J.,	2.39
Astin, William,	2.00
Austin, Loring M.,	9.93
Austin, Reuben,	36.25 $\frac{1}{2}$
Babcock, George A.,	2.00
Babbitt, Isaac N., 3d,	2.00
Babbitt, Joseph W.,	2.00
Babbitt, James N.,	2.00
Baker, James P.,	2.00
Baker, William H.,	2.00
Ball, Isaiah L.,	2.00
Barrows, Irving M.,	2.00
Bassett, George M.,	2.00
Battles, Benjamin,	2.00
Benson, James P.,	2.00
Besse, James T.,	2.00
Bliss, Asaph F. L.,	2.00
Bliss Bros.,	1.30
Bond, Stephen H.,	2.00
Briggs, Benjamin T.,	2.00
Briggs, Peleg A.,	2.00
Bryant, William H.,	10.71
Butman, William T.,	2.00
Brooksby, Mary,	11.31
Cathcart, Charles E.,	2.00
Cathcart, Frederick N.,	2.00
Cathcart, William J.,	2.00
Cardwell, Paul,	2.00
Carpenter, Charles L.,	2.00
Carpenter, Bart W.,	2.00
Caswell, David P.,	2.00
Chapman, James E.,	2.00
Clark, Charles E.,	2.00
Clark, Thomas F.,	2.00

Cook, Charles W.,	\$2.00
Corcoran, James F.,	2.00
Cordes, John,	2.26
Cowen, Jonathan,	2.00
Cummings, Arthur L.,	2.00
Cummings, Arthur,	2.00
Cummings, Arthur H.,	2.00
Curran, William W.,	3.30
Curran, Edward M.,	2 00
Damon, Herbert A.,	2.00
Damon, John F.,	2.00
Davis, James,	2.00
Davis, William R.,	3.30
Danforth, George A.,	2.00
Day, Nathan J.,	2.00
Dean, Valentine,	2.00
Delano, Calvin,	2.00
Delano, Charles A.,	2.00
Dexter, Frederick C.,	2.00
Delano, George H.,	2.00
Delano, William B.,	2.00
Doe, Harry A.,	2.00
Dowd, Walter J.,	2.00
Drew, Charles,	22.05
Drew, Charles D.,	2.78
Drew, Charles B.,	2.00
Dunn, Frank E.,	2.00
Dufresne, Maxim,	2.00
Delano, Francis,	2.00
Eagan, John,	2.00
Eager, Edward M.,	2.00
Eldred, Lemuel D.,	3.95
Eldredge, Peter V.,	2.00
Enos, Jack, et als.,	2.86
Ellis, Ebenezer,	2.00

Enos, Jack,	\$0.78
Ellis, William E.,	2.00
Farnham, Daniel S.,	2.00
Fahey, Frank,	5.38
Finnell, Thomas,	2.00
Fish, Charles F.,	2.58 $\frac{1}{2}$
Fletcher, William B.,	2.00
Fastine, Antonio De S.,	5.72
Francis, Manuel, (Centre street,)	2.00
Francis, William H.,	2.00
Frawley, George S.,	2.00
Gifford, Benjamin R.,	2.00
Gifford, Charles H., (Fort street,)	2.00
Gifford, Joseph F.,	2.00
Gravel, Henry,	.50
Hammond, Charles E.,	8.30 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hammond, Frederick F.,	2.00
Hammond, Henry W.,	2.26
Hammond, William A.,	2.26
Hamblin, William,	2.00
Hanna, J. Herbert,	2.00
Hanna, William A.,	2.00
Harding, Walter L.,	2.00
Harrington, Arthur H.,	2.26
Haskell, William W.,	2.00
Hackett, Clifford E.,	2.00
Hammond, Francis W.,	2.00
Helm, Edward P.,	2.00
Hill, Nahum S.,	2.00
Howland, Abner C.,	2.00
Howland, William S.,	2.00
Howard, Albert F.,	2.00
Hubbard, George A.,	2.00
Hulson, John S.,	2.00
Jacques, Charles,	2.00

Jacques, Mary,	\$9.36
Jacques, Emil,	2.00
Jarvis, Manuel,	6.94
Jenney, Frank B.,	2.00
Jenney, Julia E.,	11.96
Jenney, James A.,	55.04
Jenney, Rufus B.,	2.00
Jenney, Mary M.,	3.25
Jennings, Roland F.,	2.52
Jones, Caleb S.,	2.00
Kelley, Jeremiah R.,	2.00
Kelley, Samuel,	2.00
Kelley, William L.,	2.00
Kenney, Jacob F.,	2.00
Kenney, John,	2.00
Kerns, Michael,	2.00
King, Fred,	4.34
King, Peter,	6.03
Lawton, George D.,	2.91
Lawton, Robert T.,	2.00
Lemos, Matthew,	8.89
Leonard, Charles A.,	2.00
Lincoln, Nathaniel,	2.00
Linden, Thomas,	2.00
Livesey, William,	2.00
Luscomb, George A.,	2.00
Longley, Henry,	2.00
Manter, John H.,	2.91
Martin, Frank F.,	2.00
Montaiew, Demas,	4.60
Matteson, Frederick,	2.00
Matthewson, George A.,	7.80 $\frac{1}{2}$
Matthewson, George C.,	2.00
McGee, Levi,	2.00
McLane, John H.,	2.00

McLane, William H.,	\$2.00
Merrihew, James,	2.00
Middleton, Samuel,	2.00
Miller, Eugene W.,	2.00
Miller, Walter C.,	2.00
Moore, Alonzo C.,	2.00
Morse, George A.,	2.00
Munroe, Edward S.,	2.00
Negus, Herbert E ,	2.00
Nickerson, Alexander G.,	2.00
Nolan, Frederick F.,	2.00
Nourjain, Mark H.,	2.00
O'Donnell, Thomas,	2.00
Paine, Clarence M ,	2.00
Padelford, James C.,	2.00
Paine, Frank P.,	2.00
Parker, Dennis,	4.34
Parris, Job C.,	4.47
Parr, Elmira H.,	16.77
Parker, Benjamin C.,	2.00
Paine, Ellen A.,	14.17
Pease, Allen, estate,	9.75
Peck, James N.,	2.00
Peckham, Samuel S.,	2.00
Pell, John,	35.28
Perry, Cæsar E.,	2.00
Perry, Joseph J.,	2.00
Perry, Thomas,	2.00
Pierce, Henry N.,	2.00
Pierce, James, 2d,	2.00
Pierce, Walter S.,	2.00
Quirk, Frederick J.,	2.00
Quirk, George M.,	2.00
Quirk, John P.,	2.00
Reed, Charles E.,	2.00

Reed, Henry,	\$9.15
Roderiques, Joseph,	2.00
Rogers, William K.,	2.00
Rose, Antone,	2.00
Rose, Frank,	2.00
Rose, John,	2.00
Rosa, Joseph F.,	2.00
Rosa, Manuel F.,	2.00
Royce, Ashley A.,	2.65
Ricketson, William L.,	2.00
Rounseville, Silas H.,	2.00
Sampson, Arabia,	2.00
Sawin, Lewis L.,	15.97 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sawyer, Albert H.,	2.00
Saunders, Horace E.,	2.00
Sears, Charles B.,	2.00
Shepherd, Henry,	5.64
Sherman, Charles D.,	4.99
Shurtliff, George H.,	2.00
Shurtliff, Herbert P.,	2.00
Silver, William,	2.00
Sisson, William H. H.,	2.00
Smith, Charles E.,	2.00
Staples, William H.,	2.00
Starbuck, Curtis J.,	2.00
Stevens, Dennis L.,	2.00
Swain, Andrew J.,	2.00
Sylvia, Joseph,	2.00
Sylvia, Joseph F.,	2.00
Shaw, Allen S.,	2.00
Taber, Frank A.,	2.00
Taber, Frank R.,	2.00
Taber, Francis,	2.00
Taber, Walter V.,	2.00
Taylor, George H.,	2.00

Thomas, John,	\$2.00
Tinkham, Harris M.,	2.00
Tinkham, John, heirs,	20.67
Tootle, William,	12.40
Townsend, Lewis E.,	2.00
Tripp, Ansel,	22.54
Tripp, Jabez D.,	2.00
Tripp, Philip G.,	2.00
Tripp, Dexter,	2.00
Victory, Manuel D.,	2.39
Waldron, Frederick E.,	2.00
Waldron, Leonard F.,	2.00
Wadsworth, Harvey S.,	2.00
Washburn, Arthur H.,	2.00
Washburn, William V.,	2.00
Weeks, Daniel H.,	2.00
West, Rodolphus,	8.89
Westgate, Arthur C.,	2.00
Westgate, Andrew, Jr.,	2.00
Westgate, Andrew J.,	2.00
Westgate, Charles E.,	2.00
Westgate, George A.,	2.00
Westgate, George E.,	2.00
Westgate, Joseph T.,	2.00
Westgate, Martin S.,	15.71½
Westgate, William H., (Allen street,)	2.00
Westgate, William H., (Water street,)	2.00
Wilcox, Arthur H.,	2.00
Williams, William,	9.96
Whitaker, Henry,	2.00
Winchester, Nathaniel W.,	2.91
Woodward, William J.,	2.00
Young, John W.,	2.78
Young, Lydia A.,	10.53

Non-resident.

Butler, Julia,	4.29	
Brownell, Chas. E. and Thos. West,	1.04	
Cote, Armidas,	1.04	
Davis, Joshua V., estate,	1.43	
Delano, Ursilla M.,	.78	
Dionne, Joseph,	2.86	
Doyle, Patrick J.,	2.86	
Dugan, Mary A.,	5.46	
Durocher, Mariel,	1.77	
Galligan, C. A., and Peter J. Riley,	4.29	
Green, John,	9.36	
Gurl, James,	1.17	
Guilbert, Edward,	2.86	
Gordon, Elexandria A.,	.78	
Hackett, Catharine,	2.08	
Haslin, William,	1.04	
Hingham, Elizabeth,	1.30	
Hopkins, Margaret, and Hannah Smith,	6.50	
Howland, Harriet,	10.40	
Inglesbee, Catharine C.,	1.30	
Jones, William F.,	4.42	
Kempton, Leander C.,	1.30	
Murphy, Thomas H.,	6.50	
Normandin, Pantaleon,	4.16	
Parkinson, Albert E.,	1.04	
Platner, James E.,	.65	
Proude, John,	2.99	
Peters, Ellen R.,	2.34	
Rosa, Jeus da Pereira,	1.17	
Smith, Bessie J.,	6.50	
Tinkham, Harris M.,	2.60	
Whittaker, Benjamin,	1.30	
Nouvelle, Susan R.,	16.90	\$1,001.27

Your Selectmen having been authorized at a town meeting held March 2d, 1896, have employed F. A. Booth, Accountant, of New Bedford, to examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer for the preceding fiscal year, beg leave to report as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 15, 1895. Cash on hand,	\$3,554.58
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HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Loan, No. Main street,	\$2,500.00	
Loan, State Highway,	1,000.00	
From State Treasurer,	8,505.42	
Miscellaneous,	1,130.01	13,135.43

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Loan,	\$19,000.00	
Bank and Corporation tax,	3,698.59	
Rent, Post Office,	304.00	
Rents, Town Hall,	417.00	
Miscellaneous,	271.49	23,691.08

TAX COLLECTOR,	29,079.29
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POOR DEPARTMENT.

Loans, Almshouse,	\$3,500.00	
Sundry towns,	257.23	
Miscellaneous,	449.56	4,206.79

SCHOOLS.

Loan,	\$700.00	
State Treasurer,	668.53	
Miscellaneous,	37.00	1,405.53

SEWERS.

Loans,	70,761.17
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Cash over. Books do not show what it was received for, hence have not credited to any particular account,

143.80

Total receipts,	<u>\$145,977.67</u>
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PAYMENTS.

Highways,		\$19,136.36
Bridges,		225.26
Town Hall,		1,795.58
Police Department,		1,318.89
Board of Health,		196.60
Soldiers' Relief,		85.65
Military Aid,		312.00
State Aid,		1,245.00
General Incidentals,		5,667.43
Debt,	\$20,400.00	
Interest,	1,886.57	22,286.57
Poor Department,	\$2,631.63	
New Almshouse,	4,155.92	6,787.55
Fire Department,	\$1,537.28	
Hydrants,	2,000.00	3,537.28
Salaries,		1,558.85
Street Lights,		1,266.00
Sewers,		69,495.04
Schools,		8,480.64
Total payments,		<u>\$143,394.70</u>
Leaving balance cash on hand,		\$2,582.97

BALANCE SHEET, March 1st, 1896.

ASSETS or Debit balances.	LIABILITIES or Credit balances.
<i>Overdrafts:</i>	William street, \$1,000.00
Incidental acct., \$1,300.01	Fort street, 450.00
Fire Department, 132.38	East Oxford street, 2.80
Salaries, 3.39	Highway, 593.64
Highways, due from	Poor Department, 95.27
State, 383.74	Street Lights, 41.21
Cash on hand, 2,582.97	Sewers, 1,993.54
	Schools, 82.23
	Cash over, 143.80
<u>\$4,402.49</u>	<u>\$4,402.49</u>

In view of the foregoing statements your committee would respectfully recommend action as follows: That a special appropriation be made for the sum of \$1,435.78, said sum being placed to the credit of the following accounts, viz.:

Incidental,	\$1,300.01
Fire Department,	132.38
Salaries,	3.39
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Total,	\$1,435.78

By so doing it will provide for the overdrafts as shown in the above balance sheet, starting the new year clean. Would also recommend that the credit balances remain as they are.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. HOWLAND,
W. P. WINSOR,
CHARLES F. HOWARD,

Selectmen.

Fairhaven, March 21, 1896.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Of Board of Selectmen, for the Year ending Feb. 16, 1896.

INCIDENTALS, DR.

Appropriations:

Incidentals,	\$2,000.00	
Bond and interest,	1,070.00	
Soldiers' lot,	50.00	
Interest,	500.00	\$3,620.00
Loans in anticipation of taxes,		19,000.00

State Treasurer:

Bank and corporation tax,	59.16
Bank and corporation tax,	3,698.59
Josiah C. Hunt, fines,	10.00
Third District Court, fines,	52.88
Interest overpaid,	.50
Rental town hall,	417.00

Rental post office,	\$304.00	
Rental Rickett's lot,	5.00	
License, L. M. Snow,	1.00	
City of Boston, soldiers' relief,	10.70	
License, L. M. Bisbee,	2.00	
T. S. Corson, discount on bill,	10.75	
License, Kickapoo Indians,	5.00	
Rent, grammar school lot,	3.00	
Rent, E. Stevens, town farm,	32.00	
License, George E. Reeves,	1.00	
License, scallop fisherman,	70.00	
N. S. Taber, board of health,	6.50	
License, George H. Taber,	2.00	
Taxes collected in excess of appropriations,	5,709.29	
Overdraft,	1,300.01	\$34,320.38

CR.

Paid on orders of Selectmen :

Debt and interest,	\$22,286.57	
Incidentals,	5,667.43	
New Bedford bridge,	158.38	
Coggeshall street bridge,	112.07	
Town hall,	1,795.58	
Police,	1,318.89	
Board of health,	196.60	
Soldiers' relief,	85.65	
Military aid,	312.00	
State aid,	1,245.00	
Overdraft 1894-5,	1,142.21	\$34,320.38

Street Lights.

DR.

Appropriations :

March 9, 1895,	\$450.00	
July 15, 1895,	850.00	1,300.00
Balance to credit Feb. 16, 1895,	7.21	\$1,307.21

CR.

Paid on orders of Selectmen :

New Bedford Gas & Electric Light Co.,	\$1,266.00	
Balance to credit, Feb. 16, 1896,	41.21	\$1,307.21

Fire Department.

DR.

Appropriations :

Fire department,	\$1,250.00	
Hydrants,	1,500.00	
Contest Engine House,	150.00	\$2,900.00
Bal. to credit fire department, Feb. 16, 1895,		4.90
Bal. to credit hydrants, Feb. 16, 1895,		500.00
Overdraft,	132.38	\$3,537.28

CR.

Paid on orders of Selectmen :

Fire department,	\$1,537.28	
Hydrants,	2,000.00	\$3,537.28

Poor Account.

DR.

Balance to Poor account, Feb. 16, 1895,	\$28.53
Balance to New almshouse, Feb. 16, '95,	147.50
Appropriation, Poor,	2,500.00
Loans, new almshouse,	3,500.00
State Treasurer, State pauper,	29.50
State Treasurer, " "	5.18
State Treasurer, " "	10.00
Mattapoisett,	161.97
Freetown,	5.50
Middleborough,	6.35
New Bedford,	16.92
Nantucket,	16.99
Dartmouth,	20.00

Mrs. Hewens, sale of milk,	\$78.32	
W. H. Monk, sale of produce,	220.81	
David Burgess, sale of cows,	99.75	
H. H. Rogers, rent of land,	30.00	
N. J. Lawton, burial certificate,	.50	
John Lomba, burial of child,	5.00	\$6,882.82

Cr.

Paid on orders of Selectmen :

Almshouse,	\$1,471.19	
State Almshouse,	197.60	
Taunton Lunatic Asylum,	361.27	
Outside poor,	316.03	
Other cities and towns,	107.44	
State paupers,	37.33	
New almshouse,	4,296.69	
Balance to credit of account, Feb. 16,		
1896,	95.27	\$6,882.82

School Account.

Dr.

See School Committee Report. Balance found by expert as unexpended,	\$82.23
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Sewers Account.

Dr.

Balance in treasury, March 16, 1895,	\$727.41	
Loan, January 27, 1896,	61,323.61	
Loan, January 28, 1896,	9,437.56	\$71,488.58

Cr.

Paid on orders of Sewer Com'rs, see Com'rs report,	\$69,495.04	
Balance to credit of acct., Feb. 16, '96,	1,993.54	\$71,488.58

Salary Account.**DR.**

Balance in treasury, March 16, 1895,	\$55.46	
Appropriation,	1,500.00	
Overdraft,	3.39	\$1,558.85

CR.

Paid on orders of Selectmen,	\$1,558.85	\$1,558.85
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Highway Account.**DR.**

Balances, Feb. 16, 1895 :

Highways,	\$96.45
East Oxford,	48.60
William street,	1,000.00
Bridge street,	2,178.00
Sconticut road,	5.94

Appropriations :

Highway,	4,000.00
Fort street,	450.00

Loans :

State highway,	1,000.00
North Main street,	2,500.00

State Treasurer, on account of State highway,	8,505.42
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Dirt sold,	64.75
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School Committee, use of roller,	12.50
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Fairhaven Water Co.,	17.50
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H. H. Rogers, work and stone,	960.62
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H. H. Rogers, work and stone,	32.70
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Mass. Broken Stone Co.,	6.95
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New Bedford Bridge, stone,	45.19
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Errors in payments and remittances on over-payments in Treasurer's office,	47.68
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Stone sold Roger Sherman,	\$12.03	
General Highway, stone for State road, and charged on opposite side of ac- count to State road, No. 64,	160.00	\$21,144.33

CR.

Paid on orders Selectmen :

General Highway,	\$3,506.24	
State Road, contract No. 21,	6,197.90	
State Road, contract No. 64,	3,944.40	
Bridge street, (including work done for H. H. Rogers,)	3,504.76	
North Main street,	1,883.47	
Morgan street,	248.51	
East Oxford street,	35.80	
Overdraft on State Highway in 1894-5,	160.55	

Balances to following accounts, Feb.

16, 1896 :

William street,	\$1,000.00	
Fort street,	450.00	
East Oxford,	2.80	
General Highway,	209.90	

Total balance to Highways,	1,662.70	\$21,144.33
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Trial Balance.

DR.

Balances :

Street Lights,	\$41.21	
Poor,	95.27	
Schools,	82.23	
Sewers,	1,993.54	
William street,	\$1,000.00	
Fort street,	450.00	
East Oxford,	2.80	
General Highway,	209.90	1,662.70

State Highway, due from State,	\$383.74	
Receipts by Treasurer, which cannot be credited to any account,	143.80	\$4,402.49

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Overdrafts :

Incidental account, 1894-5,	\$1,142.21	
Incidental account, 1895-6,	157.80	\$1,300.01
Fire Department,	132.38	
Salaries,	3.39	
State Highway, due from State, not yet paid,	383.74	
Cash balance in the treasury, Feb. 16, 1896,	2,582.97	\$4,402.49

ACCOUNTS IN DETAIL.**Debt and Interest.**

Fairhaven Inst. for Savings, bond,	\$1,000.00	
New Bedford Inst. for Savings, notes, loan in anticipation of taxes, 1896. Dated March 12, 1895, paid Novem- ber 12, 1895,	15,000.00	
Dated September 9, 1895, paid De- cember 10, 1895,	4,000.00	
New Bedford Inst. for Savings, loan for fire department, dated October 10, 1894,	400.00	
Fairhaven Inst. for Savings, interest on bond,	70.00	
New Bedford Inst. for Savings, inter- est paid on loans,	1,816.57	\$22,286.57

General Incidentals.

Anthony, E. & Sons, printing,	\$150.00
Alger, Arthur M., probate copies,	8.00

Akin, Henry T., committee on town farm,	\$20.00
Bryant, John I., stamps, Town Clerk,	24.00
Bryant, John I., postage stamps, Selectmen,	15.03
Briggs, George A., surveying,	60.75
Brownell, C. F., carriage hire for serving notices,	16.50
Baudoin, L. N., services for forest fires,	4.35
Bisbee, M. L., registrar of voters,	3.50
Bumpus, S. S., Memorial Day,	50.00
Bertram & Oesting, building Sycamore st.,	439.10
Braley, Wm. H., taxes remitted,	8.25
Carsley, William, tax remitted,	.52
Brownell, C. F., carriage hire,	1.00
Copeland, Helen B., copying for assessors,	13.50
Copeland, Helen B., clerical services for collector of taxes,	24.75
Crowell, Henry P., registrar of voters,	13.65
Cundall, C. C., returning births,	5.00
Collins, Albert B., supplies,	2.85
Collins, Albert B., legal services,	9.50
Collins, Albert B., assessing bank tax,	3.09
Collins, W. H. & Co., account book, town clerk's office,	4.00
Cornell, Pardon, rent of crusher lot,	25.00
Delano, Joshua R., election officer,	9.00
Delano, Joshua R., serving notices,	24.50
Durand, H. C. & Co., stamp,	1.25
Dehn, Healey & Co., remittance of tax,	1.95
Dean, D. W., travelling expenses,	17.45
Election officers, pay roll,	82.00
Everts & Richards, atlas,	19.00
Gardner, Susan R., typewriting,	.40
Gifford, Annie E., tax remitted,	5.55
Gifford, Henry B., registrar of voters,	13.65
Greenough, H. A. & Co., directory, assessors,	2.00

Greenough, H. A. & Co., directory,	
town clerk,	\$2.00
Hutchinson, H. S., supplies,	16.75
Hatch & Co., express,	6.80
Howard, Henry T., tax remitted,	1.92
Hammond, Charles E., election,	2.00
Hallett, Fred & Co., blanks,	3.50
Hoey, James F., insurance, Rogers school,	337.50
Hoey, James F., bond of town clerk,	75.00
Hoeg, Wm. H., moderator's fees,	5.00
Johnson, Sarah E., returning births,	.25
Kendall, Mrs. E. V., typewriting,	7.95
Loomis, James W., taxes remitted,	19.50
Mercury Publishing Co., printing,	71.77
Massachusetts, State of, license fees,	.25
Monroe, Mrs. Maggie, claim for damages,	75.00
Peck, Joseph B., canvassing for assessors,	21.25
Peck, Joseph B., special auditor,	22.00
Paull, Norman M., inspecting St. R. R.,	77.24
Pratt, Thomas B., registrar of voters,	5.25
Palmer, George H., taxes remitted,	26.00
Palmer, George H., investigating com.,	2.00
Rahl, Hannah, remittance of tax,	24.78
Riverside Cemetery, care of Ricket's lot,	3.00
Stevens, Cora, remittance of tax,	8.32
Stevens, Mrs. George, remittance of tax,	8.32
Spooner, E. G., photograph, Howland case,	2.00
Sears, J. P., tax remitted,	15.65
Sawin, Frank E., clerical services on	
report of 1894-5,	21.00
Sears, Nathaniel, election officer,	5.00
Sears, Nathaniel, committee on almshouse,	10.00
Shaw, J. C., returning births,	1.75
Snow, L. M., supplies,	3.60
Southworth, Geo. W., blank books,	6.25

Swift, Charles F., copying for assessors,	\$42.25	
Tripp, Job C., special auditor,	22.00	
Tripp, Job C., moderator,	33.00	
Tripp, Job C., stamps,	1.00	
Tappan, Francis W., registrar of voters and election officer,	11.90	
Tappan, Francis W., recording births and deaths,	40.65	
Tappan, Francis W., collecting bank tax,	3.11	
Tappan, Francis W., street car fare,	2.85	
Truant School, board of truants,	194.54	
Thrasher, F. A., express,	.25	
Terry, Clarence A., copying for assessors,	6.25	
Terry, Clarence A., distributing tax bills,	5.50	
Thompson, Zebulon, remittance of tax,	16.13	
Tripp, Arnold G., committee on new almshouse,	20.00	
Terry, Cordelia, remittance of tax,	1.82	
Waldron, C. D., printing,	235.38	
Wood, May E., typewriting,	2.40	
Douglas, Moses, remittance of tax,	1.95	
White, C. Warren, returning births,	3.50	
Drake, A. B., engineering,	11.50	
Slocum, C. R., supplies, town clerk,	3.50	
Vaughan, Weston C., returning births,	4.75	
Pierce, George A., assessing bank tax,	3.09	
Akin, Henry T., assessing bank tax,	3.09	
Sears, Nathaniel, registrar of voters,	4.95	\$2,643.05
George A. Pratt, county tax, (no order),	\$3,018.95	
Sundry bills paid by Treasurer with- out orders,	5.43	3,024.38
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		\$5,667.43

Town Hall.

Allen, F. H., care of clock,	\$7.00
Corson, Temple S., coal,	314.85
Delano, William F., labor,	.10
Duff, David & Son, coal,	116.55
Electric Light Company, lighting,	383.47
Ellis, J. P., supplies,	5.00
Forrest & Long, supplies,	25.32
Gifford, A. F., labor,	2.25
Hutchinson, H. S., supplies,	3.70
Howland, A., labor,	.80
Hathaway, H. H., supplies,	21.81
Harrington, A. H., labor,	.30
Howland, E., labor,	.40
Hayes, N. P., supplies,	1.29
Hammond, F., labor,	.40
Ireland, R. D. & Co., globes,	4.50
Jones, Caleb, labor,	.30
Iron Foundry, Fairhaven, lawn mower,	1.00
Knipes, Charles, labor,	.95
Pay roll,	16.07
Manchester, E., Jr., carting,	1.00
Mackie, George, labor,	.30
Nye, H. G. O., janitor,	508.76
Nye, Alfred, supplies,	3.37
Pardee & Dodge, repairs,	2.88
Sears, E. H., supplies,	3.40
Simas, L. D., labor,	1.19
Sherman, C. R., repairing safe,	2.89
Terry, Clarence, labor,	11.75
Taber, R. H., supplies,	7.20
Townsend, Samuel, labor,	.60
Wrighting, E., labor,	.35
Wilson & Wordell, fertilizer,	7.15
Whitfield, M. P., stage manager,	35.00

Whittfield & Oney, labor and material,	\$14.08	
Wingate, J. I., repairs,	69.28	
Water Company,	123.06	
Water Company, meter,	50.00	
Valentine, George R., hose,	26.00	
Valentine, George R., repairs,	2.70	
Miller, Eugene, labor,	.36	
Wilcox, Sylvanus, labor,	.20	
King, George W., supplies,	.35	
Pierce, E. H., supplies,	4.60	
Taber Bros., supplies,	.25	
Burke, H. D. & Co., supplies,	6.30	
Wing, C. F., chair,	5.90	
Wilcox, S. P. & S. H., supplies,	.60	\$1,795.58

New Bedford Bridge Account.

Alton, Joseph B., labor,	\$2.35	
Anthony, E. & Sons, advertising,	.67	
Bates, F. M., labor and material,	5.18	
Eldredge, E. H., labor,	7.50	
Ellis, Stephen H., labor and team,	3.85	
Enos, Manuel, labor,	4.50	
Fleming & Co., road roller,	10.00	
Freitas, A. D., labor,	1.84	
Fairhaven Highway Department, stone,	45.19	
Howard, Edwin J., labor and team,	4.50	
Jenney, Joseph C., labor and team,	16.00	
James, A. F., engineer road roller,	3.89	
Perkins, O. T., labor and team,	26.35	
Hern, Michael, labor,	1.67	
Mercury Publishing Co., advertising,	.68	
Nye, Thomas, labor,	4.00	
Pierce, George A., labor and material,	4.61	
Reeves, George E., labor and team,	11.10	
Sylvia, Joseph F., labor,	4.50	\$158.38

Coggeshall Street Bridge.

Geddis, H. S., labor and team,	\$20.03	
Jenney, J. C., labor and teams,	49.59	
James, Alfred F., watching draw,	5.00	
Rogers, Amos, watching draw,	12.50	
Tripp, E. B., labor and team,	23.60	
Wilde, H. F., supplies,	1.35	\$112.07

Police Department.

Bryant, J. J., patrol,	\$70.00	
Barney, H. W., patrol,	50.00	
Burgess, J. A. W., election officer,	5.00	
Baudoin, L. N., special officer, May 30th,	2.00	
Brownell, C. F., carriage hire,	48.00	
Delano, J. R., constable,	820.57	
Forrest & Long, supplies,	1.98	
Hathaway, F. L., services and charges,	31.35	
Nye, H. G. O., keeper of lockup,	83.40	
Nye, Thomas W., services,	140.50	
Nye, Alfred, supplies,	.88	
Pope, Nathaniel, badges,	3.25	
Pay Roll, special police,	32.00	
Paull, James H., special,	20.00	
Snow, L. M., telephone service,	.75	
Sears, E. H., supplies,	5.46	
Waterson, George W., special,	2.00	
Waldron, C. D., printing,	1.75	\$1,318.89

Board of Health.

Brownell, C. F., carriage hire,	\$8.00
Brownell, Frank, burying dog,	.50
Delano, J. R., health officer,	50.00
Nye, Thomas W., police service,	9.00
Waldron, C. D., printing,	1.50
Wilbur, S. S., emptying cesspools,	11.50

Grinnell, E. G., cattle and provision ins.,	\$73.10	
Perkins, O. T., burying horses,	3.00	
Sears, Nathaniel, chairman Board of Health,	20.00	
Deane, D. W., services, Board of Health,	10.00	
Collins, A. B., services, Board of Health,	10.00	\$196.60

Soldiers' Relief.

Burke, H. D. & Co., supplies,	\$37.22	
Duff, David, fuel,	8.85	
Nye, Alfred, supplies,	17.47	
Randall, Georgia A.,	8.00	
Notter, John, supplies,	14.11	\$85.65

Military Aid.

Military Aid,	\$312.00
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State Aid.

State Aid,	\$1,245.00
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Salary Account.

Collins, A. B., assessor, clerk,	\$286.75	
Collins, A. B., clerk selectmen,	150.00	
Akin, Henry T., assessor,	155.00	
Peirce, George A., assessor,	100.00	
Sears, Nathaniel, selectman,	137.50	
Swift, Charles F., auditor,	6.00	
Swift, Charles F., clerk and treasurer pro tem.,	21.00	
Tappan, F. DeP., clerk, treasurer and collector,	205.10	
Tappan, F. W., clerk, treasurer and collector,	360.00	
Deane, Daniel W., selectman,	137.50	\$1,558.85

Fire Department Account.

New Bedford Edison Light Co.,	\$9.00
Bauldry, George, hauling engine,	129.00
Bauldry, George, engineer,	100.00
Bauldry, George, storing engine,	28.00
Wilson, H. L., supplies,	5.56
Wilde, H. F., coal,	44.25
Fairhaven Water Co., water rates, en- gine house,	56.50
Valentine, Geo. R., services and supplies,	75.65
Whitfield, M. P., repairs Oxford en- gine house per contract,	260.23
Travelling expenses as engineer,	3.60
Pay roll, engineers,	40.00
Pay roll, firemen, Contest,	150.00
Pay roll, hook and ladders,	60.00
Hose company,	126.60
Ellis, John P., fuel,	2.00
Snow, L. M., supplies,	2.65
Card, William C., supplies,	1.50
Coombs, C. H., care of hose,	9.38
Brownell, C. F., hauling engine,	60.00
Bailey, A. J., painting engine,	20.00
Miller, Eugene, care of hose,	15.00
Baudoin, L. N., care of P. S. wagon and hose,	13.51
Corson, T. S., coal,	5.50
Rounseville, W. E., stoker, Contest,	50.00
Nye, Alfred, supplies,	2.64
Wilcox, S. H., labor,	6.30
Fairhaven Iron Foundry,	1.47
Wilcox, Arthur, Mrs., labor,	1.60
Kempton, John W., engineer stamp,	.50
Dwelly, Wm. H., hauling hose reel,	5.00
Dwelly, Wm. H., team and labor on brow,	7.60

Chase, E. B., framing pictures,	\$7.50	
Callahan Co., hose,	28.25	
Gillingham, J. L., trustee, storing engine,	10.58	
New Bedford Cordage Co., rope,	3.60	
Barney, A. J., labor on brow,	6.93	
Pardee & Dodge, repairs Contest house per contract,	154.95	
Taber, R. H., stoves,	8.00	
Terry, Jane, rent engine house,	10.00	
King, George W., supplies,	6.60	
Millett, Joseph, labor,	3.30	
Hathaway, H. H., supplies,	.20	
Thomas, John, labor,	1.33	
Schroeder, Wm. H., drawing plans,	3.00	
Fairhaven Water Co., water service from Jan. 1st, 1895, to Jan. 1st, 1896,	2,000.00	\$3,537.28

POOR ACCOUNT.**Alms-house.**

Wilcox, S. P. & S. H., supplies,	\$16.05
White, C. W., medical service,	56.70
Dahl, T. S., supplies,	2.35
Moore & Dick, supplies,	27.77
Hewins, H. A., matron,	131.25
Ellis, J. G., groceries,	74.10
Brownell, C. F., carriage hire,	5.00
Cundall, C. C., medical service,	17.75
Church, W. F., supplies,	.51
Whiting, E. S., supplies,	62.75
Nye, Alfred, supplies,	251.40
Harding, M. O., ploughing,	10.40
Wilson & Wordell, seeds, etc.,	23.84
Waldron, C. D., printing,	.50
Sears, N., traveling expenses,	2.00
Monk, W. H., keeper,	333.30

Wood, Brightman, supplies,	\$3.42	
Buffington, N. H., insurance,	4.00	
Corson, T. S., fuel,	71.93	
Snow, L. M., supplies,	17.18	
Nichols & Damon, boots and shoes,	3.00	
Fairhaven Water Co.,	30.00	
Shaw, C. B., provisions,	44.81	
Mercury Publishing Co.,	6.00	
King, Geo. W., labor and material,	4.25	
Blake, J. E., medicines,	11.85	
Monk, A. W., repairs,	3.95	
Forrest & Long, plumbing,	26.43	
Sanders & Barrows, clothing,	7.75	
Dwelly, Wm. H., fertilizer,	40.00	
Bertram & Oesting, rent,	133.33	
Smith, Roland, shoeing,	4.38	
Marble, Wm. H., supplies,	6.00	
Monk, W. H., supplies,	37.24	\$1,471.19

Outside Poor.

Goodnow, J., groceries,	\$7.85	
Myrick, Susan, board,	7.50	
Herbert, Emma L., board,	93.00	
Ames Bros., supplies,	53.50	
Corson, T. S., fuel,	14.35	
Ellis, J. G., supplies,	32.70	
Nye, Alfred, supplies,	13.50	
Cundall, C. C., medical service,	6.00	
Morse, C. E., supplies,	13.00	
David Duff & Son, fuel,	5.25	
New Bedford, supplies,	3.50	
Taunton, supplies,	12.88	
Delano, J. R., expenses to Titicut,	5.75	
Delano, J. R., expenses to Bridgewater,	7.25	
Vaughan, W. C., burial,	5.00	
Wilson, E. T., burial,	35.00	\$316.03

New Almshouse.

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Wood, Brightman & Co., plumbing,	\$760.22	
Brightman, C. O., builder,	1,712.50	
Brigham, Charles, architect,	315.00	
Sandborn, A. A., steam heating,	1,065.00	
Kendall, E. V., typewriting,	.25	
DeWolf & Vincent, hardware,	3.68	
Austin, L. M., labor,	11.50	
Dwelly, Wm. H., drainage,	215.00	
Paine Furniture Co., furniture,	71.00	
Page, John C., insurance,	118.60	
Pardee & Dodge, labor,	7.78	
Akin, P. S., labor,	5.00	
Briggs, George A., surveying,	8.00	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight,	3.16	\$4,296.69

Paid for Other Cities and Towns.

Mattapoisett,	\$76.69	
Wareham,	5.00	
Nantucket,	10.50	
Dartmouth,	12.50	
City of New Bedford,	2.75	\$107.44

Paid for State Paupers.

Goodnow, J., supplies,	\$14.50	
Dahl, T. S., supplies,	7.25	
Nye, Alfred, supplies,	15.58	\$37.33

Poor in Taunton Lunatic Hospital.

Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	\$234.52	
City of New Bedford,	126.75	\$361.27

Poor in State Almshouse.

State Almshouse,	\$197.60	\$197.60
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GENERAL HIGHWAY.

Alton, Joseph B., labor,	\$20.22
Alva, Frank, labor,	.85
Affrose, Joseph, labor,	5.17
Anthoney, Joseph, labor,	8.50
Alden, George, labor,	3.89
American Road Machine Co., screens,	282.50
Baldwin, George, labor,	6.00
Benson, N. F., labor and team,	26.71
Brown, Joseph, labor,	2.67
Bates, F. M., labor and material,	13.32
Burk, H. D. & Co., supplies,	2.80
Brown, Manuel, labor,	2.33
Blossom, Edwin, labor and team,	20.00
Ball, Isaiah, labor,	2.83
Briggs, George A., surveying,	3.25
Brown, William, labor,	14.25
Bowen, R. P., labor,	4.18
Borden, P. K., labor,	5.18
Cornell, Pardon,	.25
Curran, William, labor,	6.00
Conway, Martin, labor,	3.00
Dugdale, Richard, labor and team,	11.61
Duff, David & Son, coal,	18.87
Drew, Lewis, labor,	3.13
Dean, Daniel W., gravel,	10.00
Denison Bros., coal,	20.83
Drew, Charles, labor and team,	18.79
Dwelly, William H., labor and team,	33.34
Davis, Luthan T., superintendent,	20.00
Enos, Frank, labor,	1.50
Ellis, John G., supplies,	4.91
Ellis, Jarvis, labor,	1.44
Enos, Manuel, labor,	14.36

Eldredge, E. H., engineer,	\$36.40
Ellis, Stephen H., team and labor,	18.85
Flemming & Co., roller,	23.00
Farrell Machine Co., jaws,	31.00
Fairhaven Water Co.,	15.00
Francis, Manuel, labor,	1.50
Francis, Joseph, labor and team,	22.25
Freitas, A. De, labor,	10.67
Eldredge, Wm. D., supplies,	12.74
Griswold, Walter D., labor,	2.17
Gravel, Henry, labor,	4.50
Hammond, A. H., labor,	2.10
Howland, Walter, labor,	6.00
Howard, Edward, labor,	19.60
Hayes, N. P., supplies,	11.41
Hammond, Joseph, labor,	13.05
Howard, Henry T., labor and team,	29.55
Jenney, Charles S., labor,	2.30
James, Alfred F., engineer of roller,	19.88
Jenney, Joseph C., labor and team,	230.78
Joseph, Manuel, labor,	16.52
King, George W., labor,	12.68
Kenney, Joseph, labor,	1.50
Lawton, Fred, labor,	2.75
Livesey, James, labor,	3.00
Lewis, John, labor,	5.17
Lyons, F. C., labor,	7.50
Langley, Henry, labor,	6.67
Miller, E. W., labor,	2.67
McQuade, John, labor,	3.00
Mitchell, A. D., labor,	54.05
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford Railroad,	16.70
N. B. Transportation Co., raising roller,	19.00
New Bedford Boiler Co., repairs,	24.71
Nye, Thomas, labor,	119.15

Pierce, George A., labor and material,	\$43.38
Perry, John, labor,	6.00
Rogers, Manuel V., labor,	5.17
Rose, Joseph, labor,	6.18
Reeves, George E., labor and team,	71.71
Ring, George M., “	7.50
Reed, Ira A., “	12.17
Sylvia, Joseph C., “	7.35
Sylvia, Joseph F., “	14.51
Sylvia, Joseph 2d, “	20.68
Sullivan, M., “	1.50
Sousa, Antone, “	2.17
Soule, F. L. & Co., supplies,	48.45
Sherman, Roger, labor and team,	3.10
Simas, L. D., “	32.50
Pay Roll, labor,	6.26
Paull, N. M., labor,	.68
Potter, J. P. & H. K. Potter, water cart,	225.00
Perie, Joseph, labor,	.85
Perry, John, “	1.50
Perkins, T. P. W., repairs,	6.85
Parker, Dennis, labor,	24.33
Pierce, Henry C., labor and team,	70.91
Perry, Joseph J., “	4.34
Perry, Joseph, “	3.00
Perry, Thomas, “	14.85
Perkins, O. T., labor and team,	497.70
Sousa, John, “	3.85
Sylvia, Antone, “	23.92
Stevens, Seth O., “	16.52
Smith, L. F., “	21.39
Stetson, Charles F., labor and team,	90.57
Sears, Nathaniel, expenses,	7.20
Taber, Walter T., labor,	4.00
Bowker & Tripp, supplies,	11.36

Thomas, John, labor,	\$8.50
Townsend, S. P., "	10.25
Tripp, E. B., labor and team,	52.50
Union Street Railway Co., material,	20.25
Valentine, George R., repairs,	13.60
West, Alexander, labor,	32.55
Wilcox, S. A., labor,	4.17
Wilson & Wordell, scales,	146.50
Wilbur, H. N., labor and team,	40.00
Waldron, C. D., printing,	7.75
Williams, William, labor and team,	52.91
Austin, R., labor and team,	9.85
Galligan, J., labor and team,	11.31
Hammond, A. H., labor and team,	7.50
Delisle & Langlois, labor and team,	4.00
Greene & Wood, supplies,	55.03
Gelatt, John, labor,	1.50
Brownell, C. F., livery,	4.25
Cole, Luther, repairs,	.25
Gardner & Southwick, repairs,	17.00
Nickerson, B. F. & Co., lumber,	34.61
Pierce, E. N., labor,	3.75
Fury, Thomas, labor,	4.35
Geddis, Henry S., labor,	10.85
Gifford, Samuel, labor,	20.35
Gifford, Thomas, labor,	6.00
Hutchinson, H. S., order books,	5.75
Gifford, S. F., labor,	15.17
Helm, John, labor,	3.52
Drew, George, labor,	6.38
Mass. Broken Stone Co., screening for Gelett road,	93.55
Eldredge, Wm. D., supplies,	2.42
Hathaway, H. H., painting,	3.00
Pardee & Dodge, setting crosswalks,	60.73

Studley, Wm. B., labor,	\$2.00	
Taber Brothers, labor,	1.01	
Hammond, A. H., labor,	2.80	
Nye, Alfred, supplies,	3.62	
Smith, Roland, repairs,	1.50	
Jenney, Charles F., gravel,	7.30	\$3,506.24

North Main Street.

LABOR AND SUPPLIES.

Alton, Joseph B., labor,	\$49.32
Alva, Joseph, labor,	18.40
Delisle & Langlois, labor and team,	10.50
Duff, David & Son, coal,	46.70
Enos, Manuel, labor,	42.55
Ellis, Stephen H., labor,	4.67
Eldredge, Wm. D., supplies,	2.42
Briggs, George A., surveying,	7.50
Flemming, W. R. & Co., roller,	113.00
Francis, Manuel, labor,	45.86
Eldredge, E. H., labor, engineer,	91.64
Gallegan, James T., labor and team,	34.88
Geddis, Henry S., labor and team,	37.32
Howard, E. J., labor,	41.69
Howland, E., labor,	.85
Hill, H. W., labor,	3.00
Jenney, Joseph C., labor and team,	128.57
James, Alfred F., engineer of roller,	45.00
McQuade, J., labor,	4.50
Nye, Thomas, labor,	2.00
Perkins, Oscar T., labor and team,	86.95
Perry, Thomas, labor,	41.42
Perry, Joseph, labor,	20.87
Pine, Joseph, labor,	12.84
Pierce, Henry C., labor,	4.00
Rogers, Wm. K., labor,	35.75

Reeves, George E., labor and team,	\$21.35
Stetson, Charles F., labor and team,	6.75
Smith, L. F., labor and team,	68.95
Stevens, Seth O., labor and team,	33.24
Sousa, John, labor,	6.02
Sousa, John L., labor,	6.50
Sylvia, Antone, labor,	37.06
Sullivan, M., labor,	18.50
Tootle, William, labor,	3.85
Tripp, E. B., labor and teams,	124.60
West, Alexander, labor,	1.50
Wilde, H. F., supplies,	10.85
Sawyer, John, labor,	2.17

STONE.

Delisle & Langlois,	\$195.62
Dahl, James,	29.81
Harding, Milborn O.,	14.18
Jenney, Joseph,	4.17
Perkins, O. T.,	12.15
Pierce, Henry C.,	45.64
Rogers, Wm. K.,	1.50
Tripp, E. B.,	8.60
Stone, Moses,	46.90
Sherman, Roger,	170.11
Spooner, Andrew,	12.75
Smith, L. F.,	7.84
Union Street Railway,	60.66 \$1,883.47

Morgan Street.

Eldredge, E. H., labor,	\$26.37
Enos, Manuel, labor,	9.00
Francis, Manuel, labor,	4.50
Galligan, James, labor and team,	12.83
Gifford, S. F., labor and team,	15.16
Langlois & Delisle, labor and team,	79.03

Perkins, O. T., labor and team,	\$25.66	
Perry, Francis, labor,	1.50	
Pine, Joseph, labor,	4.50	
Sylvia, Antone, labor,	11.33	
Sousa, John,	14.33	
Stevens, Seth O., labor,	14.17	
Tripp, E. B., labor and team,	9.80	
Tinkham, John, labor,	11.33	
West, Alexander, labor,	9.00	\$248.51

East Oxford Street.

Enos, Manuel, labor,	\$6.00	
Jemey, J. C., labor and team,	29.80	\$35.80

State Highway Contract No. 21.**STONE ACCOUNT.**

Benson, N. F.,	\$136.51	
Blossom, Edward,	2.04	
Gillis, John S.,	2.59	
Hammond, A. C.,	7.09	
LeBaron, William,	1.45	
Pay Roll,	244.16	
Perkins, O. T.,	23.39	
Perry, Charles,	4.51	
Pedro, Frank,	50.28	
Reeves, George E.,	.84	
Stetson, Charles F., Jr.,	20.21	\$493.07

STATE HIGHWAY SUPPLIES.

Anthony, E. & Sons,	1.44
Babbitt & Wood,	33.65
Eldredge, William D.,	2.20
Hathaway, H. H.,	6.98
Hayes, N. P.,	4.40
Nye, William F.,	5.75
Nickerson, B. F. & Co.,	51.64

Perkins, T. P. W.,	\$20.40	
• Paine, S. S. & Bro.,	371.00	
Soule, F. L. & Co.,	22.96	
Wood, Brightman & Co.,	8.00	
Wilson & Wordell,	19.00	
Dexter, A. M.,	11.25	
Denison Bros.,	50.22	
Nye, William F.,	5.75	614.64

TEAMS AND LABOR.

Alden, Seth,	24.00
Benson, N. F.,	429.58
Brown, Manuel,	72.04
Brown, Manuel, 2d,	7.50
Corson, T. S.,	129.40
Cummings, A. H.,	6.70
Davis, Luthan T.,	102.00
DeAlamade, J.,	6.67
Eldredge, Wm. D.,	.30
Elmer, Joseph D.,	86.54
Enos, Manuel,	79.03
Francis, Ferreria,	61.19
Freitas, Antone A. D.,	72.34
Freitas, John,	31.34
Freitas, John M.,	52.37
Francis, Joseph,	192.72
Francis, Manuel,	6.00
Flemming, W. R. & Co., hire of roller,	366.50
Grinnell, E. G.,	8.16
Howard, John F.,	56.52
Hammond, William,	48.83
James, Alfred F., engineer,	125.61
Jenney, Joseph C.,	34.85
Kane, Hugh,	91.19
Kenney, A. F.,	4.50
Mass. Broken Stone Co.,	959.37

Matthewson, George A.,	\$6.80	
McQuade, John,	98.01	
Pedro, Manuel,	65.19	
Parker, Dennis,	23.16	
Perry, Joseph,	76.86	
Perry, Thomas, 2d,	53.86	
Perry, Charles,	126.75	
Perry, C. F.,	40.95	
Pierce, Henry C.,	44.48	
Perkins, Oscar T.,	446.41	
Rogers, Manuel,	77.71	
Reeves, George E.,	131.15	
Rose, Joseph F.,	112.23	
Rose, John,	65.19	
Rose, Frank,	64.54	
Simas, Joseph,	37.37	
Stetson, Charles F., Jr.,	130.63	
Sylvia, Joseph C.,	87.03	
Sylvia, Joseph F.,	53.03	
Sylvia, Joseph, 2d,	77.36	
Sylvia, Joseph,	78.04	
Tripp, E. B.,	32.00	
West, Alexander,	90.86	
Williams, Joseph,	15.33	5,090.19
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		\$6,197.90

State Highway, Contract 64.

LABOR AND SUPPLIES.

N. F. Benson, labor and team,	\$267.40
Manuel Brum, labor,	3.00
C. F. Brownell, carriage hire,	13.50
Thomas B. Dowling, labor,	26.17
Pardee & Dodge, labor and material,	107.45
John Dias, labor,	30.83

Denison Bros. Co., coal,	\$22.64
Dexter, A. M., grading pegs,	4.83
Joseph D. Elmer, labor,	71.84
Manuel Enos, labor,	9.00
Stephen H. Ellis, labor,	6.00
Wm. D. Eldredge, supplies,	6.00
John M. Frates, labor,	69.35
Joseph Francis, labor and team,	109.77
Forrest & Long, supplies,	14.00
W. R. Flemming & Co., roller,	180.00
John F. Howard, labor and team,	21.85
Edward J. Howard, labor and team,	10.50
Chas. F. Howard, driveways,	58.75
H. H. Hathaway, painting,	4.72
Alfred F. James, engineer,	60.01
J. C. Jenney, labor and team,	41.33
Hugh Kane, labor,	53.84
F. C. Lyons, labor,	37.48
M. Lawrence, labor,	10.83
John McQuade, labor,	96.17
A. S. Morse, weigher,	33.25
Mass. Broken Stone Co., crushing,	852.26
Geo. A. Matthewson, labor and team,	62.53
B. F. Nickerson & Co., lumber,	8.63
Wm. F. Nye, supplies,	4.25
Thomas Nye, labor,	9.00
Oscar T. Perkins, labor and teams,	55.91
Thos. P. W. Perkins, sharpening tools,	18.02
Joseph Perry, labor and team,	77.00
Thomas Perry, labor,	16.50
Charles Perry, labor and team,	73.85
Manuel Pedro, labor and team,	59.35
S. S. Paine & Bro., supplies,	25.62
Antone Rose, labor,	81.50
John Rose, labor,	39.85

Manuel V. Rogers, labor,	\$88.00	
Joseph Sylvia, 2d, labor,	44.00	
Antone Sylvia, labor,	16.50	
Joseph Sylvia, labor,	61.33	
Chas. F. Stetson, Jr., labor and team,	178.29	
Seth O. Stevens, labor,	5.08	
Joseph Williams, labor,	26.00	
Alexander West, labor,	4.50	
Wilson & Wordell, supplies,	15.63	
C. E. Fuller, supplies,	3.25	
Fred'k Lawton, gravel,	9.63	
Selmer Eggers, powder,	1.70	3,208.69

STONE ACCOUNT.

N. F. Benson,	189.25	
Wm. Brown,	6.36	
Joseph Francis,	31.45	
John H. Gillis,	28.49	
A. C. Hammond,	11.56	
George F. Howard,	5.22	
Highway Department,	160.00	
F. C. Lyons,	58.78	
George A. Matthewson,	.68	
Frank Pedro,	75.76	
Charles Perry,	19.46	
Frank Rose,	55.07	
Chas. F. Stetson, Jr.,	62.71	
Rufus Spooner,	30.92	735.71
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		\$3,944.40

Bridge Street.

STONE ACCOUNT.

Austin, Reuben,	\$62.38
Alden, Seth,	3.87
Audette, Ulric,	8.90

Cornell, Pardon,	\$11.63
Drew, Charles,	113.00
Dwelly, Wm. H.,	56.10
Grinnell, E. G.,	41.73
Gerstlauer, Daniel,	18.23
Galligan, Eugene F.,	60.93
Holcomb, Roland,	42.02
Jenney, Joseph C.,	7.70
Perkins, Oscar T.,	78.62
Peirce, Henry C.,	153.14
Reeves, George E.,	47.82
Smith, J. M.,	28.72
Smith, L. F.,	40.26
Stetson, Chas. F., Jr.,	97.88
Williams, William,	52.52
Dugdale, Richard,	31.11

LABOR AND SUPPLIES.

Alton, Joseph B., labor,	76.52
Austin, Reuben W., labor and teams,	104.46
Alden, Seth, labor and teams,	72.75
Babbitt & Wood, supplies,	3.97
Bowker & Tripp, supplies,	38.43
Brown, Manuel, labor,	.85
Cabral, John, labor,	24.66
Austin, Albert, labor,	8.34
Connely, Martin, labor,	.85
Davis, Luthan T., superintendent,	142.00
Denison Brothers, coal,	27.84
Duff, David & Son, coal,	59.06
Dugdale, Richard, labor,	9.43
Eldredge, E. H., engineer,	149.84
Dwelly, Wm. H., labor and team,	52.00
Eldredge, Wm. D., supplies,	11.35
Ellis, Stephen H., labor,	21.84
Ellis, John G., supplies,	5.23

Enos, Manuel, labor,	\$40.91
W. R. Flemming & Co., roller,	226.00
Enos, Frank, labor,	14.36
Freitas, Antone D., labor,	16.53
Fury, Thomas, labor,	3.17
Ferreira, Francis, labor,	8.67
Haney, William, labor,	5.55
Howard, Edward, labor,	7.84
Howard, Edwin J., labor and team,	50.02
Hayes, N. P., supplies,	7.13
Howard, John F., labor,	6.00
Holcomb, Roland R., labor and team,	59.69
James, Alfred F., engineer of roller,	105.69
Jenney, Joseph C., labor and team,	158.38
Kenny, John W., labor and team,	48.35
Langley, John, labor,	.85
Lewis, John, labor,	10.34
McLane, John, labor,	.85
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., rails,	124.25
Nickerson, B. F. & Co., lumber,	5.95
Nye, Wm. F., supplies,	8.50
Perkins, Oscar T., labor and team,	194.82
Perkins, Thomas P. W., sharpening tools,	3.50
Rose, Joseph F., labor,	39.41
Parker, Dennis, labor,	7.84
Perry, Thomas, labor and team,	66.54
Perry, Joseph J., labor and team,	17.06
Perry, Joseph K., labor,	1.50
Perry, John, labor,	.85
Reeves, George E., labor and team,	90.78
Reed, Ira, labor and team,	6.34
Ring, George M., labor,	5.67
Rocka, Augustus, labor,	8.66
Sylvia, Joseph C., labor,	43.09
Tripp, E. B., labor and team,	33.37

Tripp, Ephraim, labor and team,	\$20.00	
Taber, Walter T., labor,	3.00	
Townsend, Samuel P., labor,	6.34	
West, Alexander, labor,	22.68	
Williams, William, labor,	10.86	
Elmar, Joseph D., labor,	8.67	
Sylvia, Joseph F., labor,	34.19	
Sylvia, Antone, labor,	30.22	
Smith, L. F., labor and team,	123.93	
Smith, J. M., labor,	12.00	
Sousa, Antone, labor,	8.17	
Sylvia, Manuel, labor,	2.67	
Soule, F. L. & Co., supplies,	9.52	
Stetson, Charles F., Jr., team,	19.07	\$3,504.76

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS, FEB. 16, 1896.

New Bedford Institution for Savings :		
Loan for sewers, Jan. 27, 1896,	\$61,323.61	
Loan for sewers, Jan. 28, 1896,	9,437.56	
Loan for sewers, Feb. 6, 1896,	1,000.00	
Loan for Sconticut Neck, Oct. 10, 1894,	3,000.00	
Loan for Bridge street, Oct. 10, 1894,	3,000.00	
Loan for new almshouse, Dec. 3, 1894,	1,500.00	
Loan for new almshouse, Jan. 15, 1895,	3,000.00	
Loan for new almshouse, May 20, 1895,	2,000.00	
Loan for new almshouse, Aug. 17, 1895,	1,500.00	
Loan for new almshouse, Feb. 6, 1896,	1,000.00	
Loan for State highway, Dec. 26, 1894,	1,000.00	
Loan for State highway, Nov. 26, 1895,	1,000.00	
Loan for North Main St., Oct. 15, 1895,	2,500.00	
Loan for Schools, Feb. 15, 1896,	700.00	
Loan for Highways, Street Lights, Incidentals, Dec. 31, 1895, renewal of note of Jan. 1, 1895,	1,050.00	\$93,011.17
Available assets :		
Cash in treasury,	\$2,582.97	
Uncollected property tax (see tax collector's report.)		
Amounts due from other cities and towns, 1895-6,	144.77	
Due from State highway,	383.74	\$3,111.48

DANIEL W. DEANE,
 ALBERT B. COLLINS,
 NATHANIEL S. SEARS,
Selectmen of Fairhaven.

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1896.

John H. Howland,	Farmer.
Alexander C. James,	Cooper.
Joseph C. Jenney,	Teamster.
Henry P. Crowell,	Moulder.
Henry A. Delano,	Mariner.
John Akin, Jr.,	Moulder.
Otis H. Bates,	Carpenter.
Wm. F. Church,	Marketman.
Durfee D. Akin,	Farmer.
James Ede,	Clerk.
John Gellett, Jr.,	Farmer.
William H. Hoeg, Jr.,	Shipwright.
Charles F. Howard,	Butcher.
Daniel W. Deane,	Farmer.
Job C. Tripp,	Real estate agt.
George R. Valentine,	Machinist.
Asaph L. Bliss,	Painter.
Frederick A. Keith,	Clerk.
George L. Hiller,	Farmer.
Henry T. Akin,	Carpenter.
Seth Alden,	Farmer.
Joseph C. Omev,	Carpenter.
Edward Taylor,	M'ger P. M. Co.
Henry D. Waldron,	Reporter.
Edward L. Besse,	Manufacturer.
Daniel W. Kendrick,	Farmer.
Benjamin F. Luther,	Tack maker.
Lewis A. Pardee,	Mason.
Joseph B. Peck,	Clerk.
Oscar T. Perkins,	Contractor.
Isaac N. Babbitt, Jr.,	Machinist.
Jotham Goodnow,	Grocer.
George R. Wixon,	Fisherman.
Charles Drew,	Farmer.
Frank A. Hanna,	Clerk.

Report of the Sewer Commissioners.

FAIRHAVEN, Feb. 15, 1896.

Mr. Moderator and Gentlemen:

The Sewer Commissioners beg leave to submit the following report of their doings from the time of their election to date.

In assuming the management of this department, they found that there had been hired for the sewer account, secured by a note given the New Bedford Institution for Savings, the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars. Since that time, there has been obtained in the same manner, additional sums, amounting to seventy thousand, seven hundred and sixty-one and $\frac{17}{100}$ (\$70,761.17) dollars, making the total to the debit of the sewer account to date, seventy-one thousand, seven hundred and sixty-one and $\frac{17}{100}$ (\$71,761.17) dollars.

They have credited the account with two hundred and seventy-two and $\frac{59}{100}$ (\$272.59) dollars, which amount was expended before this board was elected, and sixty-nine thousand, four hundred and ninety-five and $\frac{4}{100}$ (\$69,495.04) dollars, which has been expended under their direction, making the total disbursements to date, sixty-nine thousand, seven hundred and sixty-seven and $\frac{63}{100}$ (\$69,767.63) dollars, leaving a balance to the credit of this department of one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three and $\frac{54}{100}$ (\$1,993.54) dollars.

The expenditures in detail are as follows:

Amount expended previous to election of Commissioners,	\$272.59
Shone Hydro-Pneumatic Sewerage & Water Supply Company,	66,152.59

H. S. Hutchinson & Co., record and copy-books,	\$5.65
A. DeW. Bryant, typewriting,	3.00
N. M. Paull, salary as inspector,	400.00
O. T. Perkins, clearing street,	2.35
Drawing material,	1.20
Mercury Publishing Co., books,	15.05
B. S. Jenkins, drawing paper,	2.75
F. N. Gifford, stamps,	1.00
Steel tape,	9.00
Shedd & Sarle, engineering,	122.29
M. H. Wilbor, typewriting,	2.50
H. S. Hutchinson & Co., paper,	6.00
Mortimer Searle, rubber stamps,	1.25
Wm. Washburn, land on line of proposed South street,	250.00
John I. Baker, land on line of proposed South st.,	1,276.50
Francis W. Tappan, copying records,	5.00
C. F. Brownell, moving cars,	2.00
Watching cars,	21.00
T. M. Stetson, legal advice,	20.00
Atlas Tack Corporation, blacksmithing,	.90
H. S. Hutchinson & Co., paper,	4.80
C. F. Brownell & Co., horse hire,	3.00
A. B. Collins, legal advice,	11.50
Fairhaven Water Works Co., changing mains,	869.71
Isaiah Terry, right of way,	300.00
F. E. Sawin, copying,	6.00

Respectfully submitted :

THE BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS,

By F. N. GIFFORD,
Secretary.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN.

1895.



NEW BEDFORD:

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1896.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JOHN T. HANNA, JR.,
C. C. CUNDALL,
GEORGE H. PALMER,
GEORGE W. STEVENS,

Term expires 1896.
Term expires 1896.
Term expires 1897.
Term expires 1898,

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

From Feb. 15, 1895, to Feb. 15, 1896.

To the Citizens of Fairhaven:

We, the School Committee, hereby submit to you our annual report, with such suggestions and recommendations as we think are for the best good of the schools.

A retrospect of the work of the schools for the past year is very satisfactory. Certain matters during the latter part of the year marred somewhat the harmony of affairs, but we believe that the atmosphere has been cleared, and everything is running along on as healthy a plane as before.

We believe our teachers are striving to make their pupils feel, that earnestness of purpose, guided by right motives, is the great principle of success.

With the steady increase of scholars, both in the north and central part of the town, it is absolutely necessary that we should have more and better accommodations, and in view of the wretched condition of the Oxford school building, together with its being at this time overcrowded, notwithstanding the fact of our having transferred a large number of its pupils to the new room in the Old Shoe Factory, we deem it our duty to recommend the town to erect a new schoolhouse at Oxford Heights. This would do away with the school at the Shoe Factory and also relieve one or two rooms at the Rogers school. You will notice by the incidental account that it cost \$331.57 for fitting up the Shoe Factory school.

The highest interest of the schools are subserved when schoolhouses are provided, which are located in pleasant

and healthful locations, surrounded by sufficient grounds to admit an abundance of sunlight and air.

To sum up the whole matter, there should be suitable and adequate accommodations for all the pupils in the town, in order to do the best work, and thus secure the great results for which our public school system was instituted.

Unfortunately for the schools, when it is necessary to reduce expenses, the first thing thought of is the reduction of teachers' salaries. Instead of being the first this should be the last. In this respect your Committee is greatly hampered by the small appropriations made by the town for the support of the schools; for you must remember that it requires a great deal more money to run our schools in these days of free text-books, than it did a number of years ago.

The number of resignations among our teachers is about the same from year to year. Other cities are on the alert, by promise of less work, chances of promotion, and higher salaries, to entice our best teachers from us.

We all take just pride in our schools, but there will always be a chance for improvement, and we should all of us take a greater interest in that direction.

The Normal course of two years is none too long to learn the art and practice of teaching to make one's knowledge a power and to give one the ability to instruct.

The teacher should keep the minds of their scholars awake, not doing the pupil's work for him, but insisting that he shall do his own, giving them all the help and encouragement they possibly can. In this way they would lift our schools upon a higher plane. The parents have a duty to perform in this work, and a privilege of the highest interest.

They should visit the schools more frequently, and see them in their every-day work; they would be surprised at the amount of work being done, and gratified at the help

they give it. They can hardly conceive, without trying it, how much a shake of the hand, a kind word, or an encouraging look, will do to infuse new life into both teachers and scholars. If the public would take more interest in our schools it would help elevate them.

With suitable school buildings, adequate for all the needs of the pupils in the town, with neat surroundings, teachers qualified to fill their positions, more frequent visits from parents, and judicious supervisions by Superintendent and Committee, we might make the schools of Fairhaven equal to any in the State.

We would respectfully call your attention to the High school building, which is sadly in need of repairs, especially the interior. We think it should be thoroughly cleaned, reseated, painted and the walls whitened, during the spring vacation, so that the members of the graduating class which leaves school in June in looking back will have some pleasant recollections of their last year in the High school, and also that the scholars which are to come up from the Rogers school, at the beginning of the year, will not have all the refined influences which has been created within them, by the pleasant and cheerful rooms they have been occupying, completely effaced by the strong contrast. To do this will require a special appropriation. The Committee at this time have been considering the advisability of discontinuing the Sconticut Neck school, on account of the small attendance, there being only four or five pupils in the school, making it quite expensive to educate a child in the Sconticut district.

There has been a change in the principalship of the Rogers school during the past year, Miss Cara M. Johnson resigning to accept another position in Medford. Miss Johnson's position has been filled by Miss Rose M. Barton, who comes to us highly recommended, and has entered upon her duties in a manner that is full of promise for the best results.

We wish to thank all the teachers for the earnest manner in which they have performed their several duties, and we are pleased to notice the good results which have been obtained. We also thank the Superintendent for his suggestions and his endeavors to make the schools better and lift them to a higher plane. For the many details of school work, for the statistics, and the progress of the schools reference is made to the report of the Superintendent.

We estimate the expense of the schools for the coming year to be \$8,700.00. Deducting our unexpended balance, \$82.22, and the average amount received from the State, \$625.00, and it will be seen that an appropriation of \$8,000.00 will be required, and the sum we recommend to be appropriated.

We also recommend a special appropriation of \$175.00 for the resodding of the Rogers school lawn, which is in deplorable condition.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Resources.

Balance on hand Feb. 15th, 1895,	\$57.34
Received from town, appropriation,	7,100.00
Received for tuition from non-residents,	35.00
Received from sale of posts,	2.00
Received from special appropriation,	700.00
Received from State,	270.95
Received from County, "dog fund,"	397.58
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	\$8,562.87

Bills Approved.

Teachers' salaries,	\$5,806.50
Janitors' salaries,	765.25
Fuel,	473.59

School books,	378.63	
Supplies,	342.38	
Repairs,	139.22	
Incidentals,	575.08	8,480.65
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Balance unexpended,		\$82.22

Teachers' Pay Roll.

H. S. Freeman, High school,	\$1,100.00	
Marg. C. P. Tucker, High school,	640.00	
Cara M. Johnson, Rogers school,	387.50	
Rose M. Barton, “	105.00	
Mary C. Worden, “	162.00	
Faye D. Hayes, “	198.00	
Lillian E. Page, “	153.00	
Clara F. Hathaway, “	189.00	
Eva J. Smith, “	333.00	
Bertha M. Tirrell, “	153.00	
Nancy S. Allen, “	189.00	
Idella M. Libbey, “	342.00	
Amy B. Smith, “	342.00	
Louise M. Keith, “	380.00	
Jennie S. Betts, “	1.80	
Grace Nickerson, “	7.20	
Kate Drew, Oxford school,	342.00	
Angie M. Lurvey, New Boston school,	153.00	
Minnie E. Bisbee, New Boston school,	189.00	
Mattie L. Norris, Sconticut Neck,	119.00	
Amy Levere, Sconticut Neck,	105.00	
Grace A. Knowlton, Naskatucket,	48.00	
Mattie L. Norris, Shoe Factory,	168.00	5,806.50

Janitors' Pay Roll.

Samuel J. Baker, Rogers school,	\$540.00
Charles T. Akin, High school,	7.00
William P. Macomber, High school,	93.00

William P. Macomber, Oxford school,	38.00	
Jeremiah Bumpus, New Boston,	35.00	
Abby Sherman, Sconticut Neck,	26.50	
Daniel S. Gertslaw, Nasketucket,	6.00	
William C. Card, Shoe Factory,	19.25	765.25

Fuel.

T. S. Corson, coal,	\$448.23	
Henry T. Howard, wood,	15.36	
John M. Hathaway, wood,	10.00	473.59

School Book-Agency.

Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books,	\$14.00	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	35.51	
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	14.70	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	7.46	
Holden Patent Book Cover Co.,	4.92	
Ginn & Co.,	184.53	
American Book Co.,	48.46	
Silver, Burditt & Co.,	11.40	
E. E. Babb & Co.,	47.65	
Lee & Shepard,	8.75	
H. S. Hutchinson & Co.,	1.25	378.63

Supplies.

Holden Patent Book Cover Co.,	\$4.88	
E. E. Babb & Co.,	72.09	
H. S. Hutchinson & Co.,	128.84	
R. W. Taber,	33.83	
Fairhaven Iron Foundry,	.50	
L. M. Snow,	14.85	
J. L. Hammett,	4.22	
Fairhaven Water Co.,	66.81	
H. S. Freeman,	1.49	
Forrest & Long,	9.26	
George A. Mathewson,	.60	

E. H. Sears,	.47	
H. F. Wilde,	.35	
C. R. Sherman & Son,	4 19	342.38

Repairs.

W. K. Rogers,	\$.50	
H. S. Freeman,	3.32	
H. H. Hathaway,	15.76	
Whitfield & Omev,	49.50	
H. B. Howland,	1.00	
R. H. Taber,	1.75	
C. D. Sherman,	3.32	
Forrest & Long,	53.70	
Taber Bros.,	9.62	
George W. King,	.75	139.22

Incidentals.

Mortimer Searls, rubber stamps,	\$.70	
John I. Bryant, envelopes,	5.46	
H. S. Hutchinson & Co., files,	2.00	
Charles F. Wing, waste basket,	1.07	
Pardee & Dodge, labor,	3.96	
F. W. Luscomb Mch. Co., repair on mower,	1.00	
William P. Macomber, labor,	29.25	
C. D. Waldron, printing,	18.00	
S. J. Baker, truant officer,	34.11	
Perry P. Jenney & Son, repairs on mower,	.40	
Fairhaven Highway Dept., labor,	12.50	
A. P. James, labor,	2.50	
Fairhaven Iron Foundry Co., sharpening mower,	3.00	
C. C. Cundall, expenses,	11.30	
E. Manchester, Jr., flag pole,	26.00	
Jeremiah Bumpus, labor,	9.00	
George Pierce, tuning piano,	5.00	
J. T. Hanna, Jr., diplomas and ribbon,	5.80	

Haskell & Tripp, ribbon for diplomas,	1.78	
H. S. Freeman, labor,	5.75	
C. R. Sherman & Son, zinc,	.15	
J. L. Hammett & Son, B. B. cloth,	11.25	
Briggs & Lawrence, chairs,	6.07	
Abby Sherman, labor,	3.00	
C. F. Brownell & Co., carriage hire,	18.25	
Forrest & Long, labor,	36.54	
Luther Cole, labor,	2.50	
Bobrick School Furn. Co., school desks,	86.40	
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford Railr'd, expenses,	4.38	
Whitfield & Omey, labor on Shoe Factory		
school,	196.03	
R. H. Taber, labor on Shoe Factory school,	26.01	
American Bargain House, scissors,	.72	
E. Anthony & Sons, printing,	1.20	
A. B. Collins, drafting lease,	3.00	
Warren Delano and Heirs of J. A. Hawes,		
rent,	1.00	575.08
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		\$8,480.65

Summary.

Total amount of appropriation, &c.,	\$8,562.87
Total amount of expenditures,	8,480.65
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Balance in treasury,	\$82.22

JOHN T. HANNA, JR.,
 GEORGE H. PALMER,
 C. C. CUNDALL.
 GEORGE W. STEVENS.

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of Fairhaven:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with your regulations, I hereby submit the following report.

The tables are made up from January 1, 1895, to January 1, 1896.

CALENDAR, 1896-7.

Friday, March 27—Schools close for spring vacation.

Monday, April 6—Schools reopen for spring term.

Friday, June 19—Excepting High and Grades 9, 8 and 7,
Rogers, schools close.

Thursday, June 25—Graduation exercises of High school.

Friday, June 26—Graduation exercises of Rogers school.
All schools close.

Monday, Aug. 31—High school, and Grades 9, 8 and 7,
Rogers, reopen.

Monday, Sept. 7—Labor Day ; no school.

Tuesday, Sept. 8—All schools reopen.

Thursday, Nov. 26—Schools close for Thanksgiving.

Monday, Nov. 30—Schools reopen.

Friday, Dec. 18—Schools close for Christmas vacation.

Monday, Jan. 4, 1897—Schools reopen for winter term.

Monday, Feb. 22—Washington's birthday ; no school.

Friday, March 27—Schools close for spring vacation.

WINTER TERM 1895.

January 7 to March 29 — 12 weeks.

TEACHERS.	Wages per month	Whole No. enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. Attendance	No. over 15 years	No. between 8 and 14	Average age
<i>High School:</i>								yr. mo.
H. S. Freeman, A. B.	\$110	45	41.9	39.6	94.7	38	4	16 3
Margaret P. C. Tucker	55							
<i>Rogers:</i>	<i>Grade</i>							
Cara M. Johnson, 9 & 8	50	20	19.5	17.9	91.8	10	6	15 1
Mary C. Worden,	7	36	22.7	20.5	90.8	1	21	12 2
Lilian E. Page,	6	36	38.4	35.8	93.2	3	32	12 4
Catherine E. Walters, }	5	36	48	47	40.9	91.3	48	10 8
Jennie S. Betts,								
Eva J. Smith,								
Bertha H. Tirrell,	4	36	48	46.73	38.45	82.3	44	8 2
Idella M. Libby,	3	36	38	20.9	25.3	81.9	35	7
Amy B. Smith,	2	36	44	41.2	35.5	86.1	27	8 1
Louise M. Keith,	1	40	43	36.5	31.5	86.3	13	6 10
<i>Oxford:</i>								
Kate Drew	36	41	36.3	29.7	81.8	1	24	8 4
<i>New Boston:</i>								
Angie M. Lurvey	36	28	23.4	20.8	88.8	1	19	10 1
<i>Sconticut Neck:</i>								
Mattie L. Norris	28	7	7	6.3	90.		7	9 1
Totals,	\$571	465	409.53	358.35	87.5	60	290	

SPRING TERM.

April 8 to June 28, 1895.

TEACHERS		Wages per month	Whole No enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. Attendance	No. of Weeks
<i>High School:</i>							
H. S. Freeman, A. B.		\$110	45	40.9	39.1	95.5	12
Margaret P. C. Tucker		65					
<i>Rogers:</i>	<i>Grade</i>						
Cara M. Johnson,	9	50	20	19.8	18.5	93.5	12
" "	8		21	19.8	18.3	92.2	12
Mary C. Worden,	7	36	23	21	20.3	96.6	12
Lilian E. Page,	6	36	41	39.7	37.3	94	11
Eva J. Smith,	5	36	52	47	40.9	91.3	11
Bertha H. Tirrell,	4	36	52	50.25	45.3	90.2	11
Idella M. Libby,	3	36	52	47.4	41.5	87.5	11
Amy B. Smith,	2	36	57	50.5	45.1	89.3	11
Louise M. Keith,	1	41	40	36.4	31.2	85.7	11
<i>Oxford:</i>							
Kate Drew		36	51	42.6	38.4	90.1	11
<i>New Boston:</i>							
Angie M. Lurvey		36	37	31.7	29.6	93.3	11
<i>Sconticut Neck:</i>							
Mattie L. Norris		28	9	8.9	7.87	88.4	11
Totals,		\$581	500	455.95	413.37	90.8	

FALL TERM.

September 3 to December 20, 1895.

TEACHERS	Wages per month	Whole No. enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent Attendance	No. of Weeks	No. over 15 years	No. between 8 and 14	Average age	
<i>High School :</i>									yr.	mo.
H. S. Freeman, A. B.	\$110	45	42.6	39.5	92.8	16	36	3	15	9
Margaret P. C. Tucker	65									
<i>Rogers :</i>										
Cara M. Johnson, Grade	9	20	19.5	18.3	93.9	16	10	6	14	6
Rose M. Barton, A. B. }	8	21	19.8	18.7	96.1		2	15	13	2
Faye D. Hayes,	7	36	41	36.8	34.9	95	16	6	28	13
Clara F. Hathaway,	6	36	41	30.1	27.9	92	15		31	11
Eva J. Smith,	5	36	52	46.7	43.4	92.9	15	1	48	11
Nancy S. Allen,	4	36	52	42.7	40.3	94.4	15	1	47	10
Idella M. Libby,	3	36	40	35.4	31.4	88.7	15		46	9
Amy B. Smith,	2	36	52	43.6	39.4	90.3	15		34	7
Louise M. Keith,	1	40	51	44.6	37.1	83.2	15		8	6
<i>Oxford :</i>										
Kate Drew	36	50	36.3	31.2	85.9	15		22	7	9
<i>New Boston :</i>										
Minnie E. Bisbee	36	41	33	31.1	94.2	15	2	25	9	7
<i>Scouticut Neck :</i>										
Amy Levere	20	8	7.6	6.5	85.5	15		4	8	4
<i>Shoe Factory : Grades 5 & 6</i>										
Mattie L. Norris	32	31	31	27.2	87.7	15		31	11	3
Totals,	\$605	545	469.7	426.9	90.8		56	348		

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR.

January 7 to December 20, 1895.

SCHOOL	Whole No. enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. Attendance	No. of Weeks
High,	45	41.9	39.4	94.1	40
Grade 9,	20	19.4	18.3	93.2	40
Grade 8,	21	18.8	17.5	93	40
Grade 7,	23	27.8	26.2	94.3	40
Grade 6,	41	35.5	33.1	93.2	38
Grade 5,	48	47.5	43.5	90.9	38
Grade 4,	53	46.1	41.2	89.3	38
Grade 3,	44	37.4	32.4	86.6	38
Grade 2,	75	44.9	39.8	88.1	38
Grade 1,	99	39.8	33.6	84.4	38
Oxford,	69	38.1	32.8	86	38
New Boston,	41	29.6	27.4	92.5	38
Sconticut Neck,	9	7.7	6.8	88.3	38
Shoe Factory,	3	31	27.2	87.7	15
Totals,	591	465.5	419.2	90	

During the past year we have had thirteen teachers, the last four months of 1895. fourteen, at present, fifteen. The year before I found eight of the teachers were new in their positions; last September, when school began, there were five who had not taught in our schools; since then we have had one resignation. This is a matter that needs serious consideration. In the Rogers school, which affords an opportunity for good grading, during the year ending February, 1895, there were new teachers in grades two, four, five, seven and eight; since that time grades four, five, six, seven, eight and nine have had new teachers. We cannot now tell how many of our present staff will make a change before next September. All of the teachers have had training and some of them had experience, yet the result of change is injurious to the children. They have to pass through nine grades, if they wish to graduate from the Grammar school; must they meet, every year, a new teacher, one that has not been teaching in that room? What advancement can the children make? They lose a large part of their time owing to the teacher's having to get acquainted with her school and her environment. A new teacher cannot go to work systematically and continue the work where the previous grade left it. The second year, the teacher can be expected to do good work, but then that class will have passed to the next room poorly prepared, or be kept back to repeat the year's work. An effort should be made to keep a teacher in her grade several years; she then gets familiar with her position, knows where to apply herself to get the best results, and finds out in advance some of the characteristics and attainments of each new class of pupils. Under the present system we arrange a course of study, each grade advancing upon the work of the previous. A new teacher steps in. The details, as elaborated by conference with the teachers, not having been committed to paper, are not available. After the summer vacation, she

takes her class and her course and begins work. During the vacation something has been forgotten which needs recalling by review work; she accordingly finds that the children do not know some of their work and puts them back with a view to making them thorough. She will then spend considerable time in again teaching what has been taught and now needs merely reviewing. If that is stopped the teacher is at sea not knowing where to steer, she knows nothing about her pupils, what they can do and ought to do. This is intensified if the teacher of the lower grade has not returned, for then there will be the additional impression, which is always entertained, that the work of the previous year has been poor. This is where the pupil loses so much. A new teacher has to be sized up by the pupils, and she has to size up her pupils. This process often ends in retarding progress and creating a dislike for work.

If the pupil finds he does not get ahead as fast as formerly, that perhaps he is just marking time to an old tune, he loses interest and ambition, then at the end of the year he may find he has not graded, and the next step is such a dislike for school that unless under strong compulsion he will not attend. Where the head of the school as well as the other teachers are continually shifting, there seems to be no goal or fixed standard by which advance can be made or marked. The time thus lost by the pupils can never be regained. The influence of it is easily discernible in the Rogers school today. The average child should complete the work of a grade in one year, and do it well; the clever in less time, and none should need more than two years. When something different exists there is a weak spot somewhere that needs attention. One remedy is to increase the salaries. Take the teachers at a minimum, and increase them to such an extent that sufficient inducement will be offered to them to remain in their places at least three years.

Our maximum is now so low that even then it would not be greater than the minimum of the cities and large towns of this State.

Another possible remedy is to make the work more mechanical. If the town should join with some of the neighboring towns to form a Superintending District, then the Superintendent would be able to devote enough time to the work, to map out the particular work of each grade, for each week or month, and see that it was all done just as he wants it. The teacher would have to be more of a machine, so that a change would not be felt so much. Now, where the work is marked out for the year, the work is examined, suggestions for future work are made, the teacher is given a chance to do the best she can, to get out of the ruts if she can accomplish more in that way ; consequently, when the change comes no confidence can be felt in the future work of that grade. The Superintendent must get acquainted with the abilities of the new teacher. If he has but a short time at his disposal, and that the last part of the day after a day's work in his own school, proper supervision cannot be given to the work. He cannot get into the school when the teacher has the subject which is presenting the difficulty, so that he can give the necessary assistance. I am strongly of the impression that if the town cannot afford to increase the salaries sufficiently to prevent such frequent changes in our staff, the mechanical system of supervision, and a District Superintendency will be necessary to accomplish the best results in the Rogers school. The extra cost to the town will be not more than one hundred and fifty dollars.

The State law fixes the minimum salary of the Superintendent at fifteen hundred dollars. The State gives to the towns seven hundred and fifty dollars to pay the Superintendent, and five hundred dollars to pay the salaries of the teachers, making the total reimbursement to the towns

of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, leaving a balance of two hundred and fifty dollars to be made up by the towns. Now if this town, according to its vote in 1890, should unite with some of the neighboring towns and secure the services of the Superintendent for three days in the week, it would have to pay three-fifths of two hundred and fifty dollars, that is one hundred and fifty dollars, or in like proportion for the comparative time of service. I think it a profitable investment as well as a necessary one.

The State has approved of the policy of Superintendency Districts to such an extent that it pays five-sixths of the cost. This present Legislature has before it a bill to compel all towns to form districts, if they are not able to employ a Superintendent all the time.

The bill may not pass this year, yet where the State is so strongly committed to the principle, it is a matter that will be forced upon the towns in a very few years. In such a case this town may be forced to unite with others which may not be convenient of access. It may be prudent to effect a union voluntarily with some of the neighboring towns.

Within a very few years the State has taken such an interest in High school work that for certain purposes it is necessary that the High school be approved by the Board of Education. Some of the larger schools have been approved, some of the smaller have been disapproved. This one has not yet been reported upon although the data have been forwarded and a report is expected. I have been given to understand that not less than the full time of two teachers would be approved. This will prevent the Principal of the High school from acting as Superintendent. If he does, and the school is not approved, the question will then arise whether a parent cannot send his child to an approved High school elsewhere and make the town pay the tuition. From the above consideration you can readily

see that it will not subserve the interests of this town to continue the present arrangement. This town of Fairhaven, with a High school of fifty pupils, which under suitable conditions, must increase in size in a few years, is not willing to maintain an inferior school, nor pay the tuition for its pupils to attend an approved school.

As outlined in last year's report, the High school course of study follows the outlines of the classical scientific as set forth in the Report of the Committee of Ten. That you may better understand the fundamental basis of the work, I will repeat some of the extracts: "They give time enough to each subject to win from it the kind of mental training it is fitted to supply; they put the different principal subjects on an approximate equality so far as time allotment is concerned; they omit all short information courses; and they make sufficiently continuous the instruction in each of the main lines, namely, language, science, history, mathematics." Some pupils have asked to be allowed to drop Latin, and we have refused to allow it. We have a course which will keep all the pupils profitably employed all the time they are in school, and if they improve their time they can accomplish the work. It does not provide too much work for any; if they do the work they cannot waste any of their time in school and must do some work at home. To do this work with our present staff it is necessary to make one course for all. According to the school law of this State, Latin is one of the subjects necessary to be taught in every High school. Aside from its intrinsic value as a subject for study these are some of the reasons why Latin is in our course of study.

It is not necessary for a pupil to be excused from it so that he can do the rest of his work, but if he is excused he wastes that much more of his time in school, as we cannot find time to provide some other subject to take the place of that; he would be behind his class if he should remove

to another town ; if he should wish to go to college it would take him that much longer to prepare. When a pupil enters the High school he cannot tell whether at the end of four years he will wish to go to college or not. Those who go to college are admittedly the most advanced pupils ; consequently it would not be wise to lower our course and let the pupils take an easier when they can take a more advanced course in the same time, and with a reasonable amount of application. As a rule, when a pupil has applied for exemption from Latin, there has been a desire to get clear of the subject because it is hard and demands application. I have generally found that when a pupil complained that he could not learn Latin, his deportment showed a lack of application to work rather than inability to perform it. We can give one strong course and think it better to do so, than to give two weak ones. Pupils are beyond the age of compulsory attendance when they enter the High school. They are sent there by their parents, often at considerable sacrifice, to employ their time in profitable work.

If when the monthly reports are sent home, the parents will examine them carefully, they can tell whether their children are improving or wasting their time. If the mark in any subject or in deportment is below seventy, time is wasted despite the efforts of the teachers. According to the present arrangement of our school work, there is no opportunity for the teachers to remain after hours to see that the pupils prepare the work they have failed on. The only thing is to give the pupil a mark ; and often he will not regard that until he has lost his grade and has to take his year over again. That is a punishment which is even more expensive for the parent than the child. If the parents will follow the report cards closely they can materially aid the teacher in advancing the pupil. The teacher wishes to see each pupil advance as rapidly as he is capable of doing, which is often much faster than he does.

The number of pupils in the High school is small. They come from the Rogers school and the outside schools. All who graduate from the Grammar will not enter the High; all who enter the High will not continue to graduation. For a few years at least there will be but a very slight increase in the number of High school pupils. Grade nine has enrolled but nineteen pupils and Grade eight eighteen. Grade seven has enrolled thirty-one, Grade six about forty-seven, and Grade five about fifty-seven, counting those in the Shoe Factory school. If we also count those at Nasketucket and New Boston, some of whom will probably attend the High, those numbers will be slightly increased. If the loss of time and distaste for work occasioned by the frequent changing of teachers can be obviated so that there will be fewer pupils taking their work over and losing their interest, in a few years we may expect to see a much larger High school, otherwise we will not. It is most noticeable in this State that the proportion of children who continue their education through the High school is rapidly increasing.

From the census of last May, there were thirty-six pupils between five and six years of age, who, no matter how anxious the parents are for their children to advance, by the regulations of the School Committee cannot attend school. The Committee were forced to make that regulation because there was not sufficient accommodation for all. To accommodate these children requires another room. There is no law in the State which regulates the age for admission, it being left to the School Committee, and they are limited by the appropriation. The prevalent rule is that children shall be admitted at the age of five. It takes nine years to complete the Common school course and four for the High school, accordingly, as the children cannot enter school before six years, they will be fifteen before they can enter the High and nineteen before they can graduate. If

they could be admitted a year earlier they could graduate at eighteen. Here is a way of saving a year to the young folks of this town at a most important period in their lives. There may be even more loss than that. Children at five are old enough to undertake school work; they have reached a stage in their development where they can be taught in classes by a teacher; they know enough and understand enough to assimilate what is offered to them in schools. If they are kept out that year, they learn considerable and form many undesirable habits which to a certain degree hinder their advancement in school work. Miss Sarah Arnold, one of Boston's Supervisors, whose special department is Primary school work, at our educational gathering last summer, expressed her opinion that the child can learn to read at five with greater facility and success than at six. This may partly account for the difficulty so many experience in learning to read. There is strong agitation to provide school facilities for those of kindergarten age. We cannot do that, but we should make a strenuous effort to provide school accommodations for all over five years of age. There has not been a rapid increase in the school population but there has been a steady one, and while the facilities have been ample for all, the town has outgrown them. The number of children between five and fifteen years of age for the past ten years is as follows:

1886,	418	1891,	402
1887,	421	1892,	445
1888,	411	1893,	451
1889,	406	1894,	457
1890,	429	1895,	492

While there was a fluctuation for some years, during the past five years there has been a steady increase. We cannot expect a fluctuation that will make it unnecessary to provide for more pupils, so it seems necessary to provide for all now, and expect to provide for more in the future.

Another room cannot be provided in the Rogers school, but grades eight and nine may be moved out and other accommodations found for them. They are now taught by the same teacher in one room. After another year, at the latest, if the pupils of grades six and seven can be kept in school, it will be impossible to put both those grades in the same room. At present it is not giving those grades fair attention, to ask the Principal, on whom rests the care of the building to teach both those grades without assistance. In addition to providing the extra accommodation at Oxford, two rooms should be provided here in the centre of the town, for the highest grades of the Grammar school.

With a four-room building in the northern part of the town and two extra rooms here at the centre there will be ample provision for about five years.

Owing to the overcrowding of rooms five and six at the Rogers, it was found necessary to open a room in the shoe factory, the only available place in town. It was fitted with the Bobrick patent adjustable seats and desks, thus making the seating accommodation the best possible. The building is low and has a flat roof, so that the room is not suitable for school purposes when the weather is warm. The heat last September caused several cases of sickness there. During the spring the teacher should be authorized to dismiss school at her discretion on warm days. It is also in a very noisy place and when the weather is mild, so that the windows have to be opened, it is very difficult to carry on the work of the school. The new building at Oxford should be erected without delay so that it will be ready for occupancy in September.

The school at Nasketucket was reopened in January, there being twenty pupils in that district. Miss Grace A. Knowlton, a graduate of Salem Normal school with three years' experience, was appointed teacher.

The school at Sconticut Neck has had an attendance of

five pupils. Some of these have expressed a wish to come up to the Rogers school. Without prejudice to the interests of any, I think it advisable to permit those pupils to attend either the Rogers or Nasketucket and close the Sconticut Neck school.

The High school needs extensive repairs to make it decently habitable. Last fall water was put in the High school but no drain was dug. As far as I can learn the sink spout conducts the water to the ground underneath the floor, where it may run off or not. This may or may not be prejudicial to the health of the pupils. Is it wise or economical to allow fifty of the most promising children of this place to spend four and a half hours per day in a building where suitable provision is not made for heating, ventilation, sanitation, care of the body, and moral and ethical influences? The building is old, so that the walls and floors are out of repair. In the winter it is not safe for the pupils to sit in the class-room down-stairs. The main room is not properly seated so that large pupils have to sit at small desks in cramped positions. The paint is worn off the woodwork, the walls are of various designs and colors elaborated by age and generations of pupils, and the whole building bears a worn-out look which encourages and invites rough, careless usage. A good condition teaches and inspires respect, and has a decidedly moral and ethical influence upon the pupils using it.

The repairs needed now are a new floor in the class-room, windows fixed, walls repaired and tinted, new doors and casings, woodwork newly painted, new curtains down-stairs and in the vestibule. The graduating class of 1895 presented new curtains for the main room.

Some arrangement should also be made by which the pupils' wraps may be hung in a warm room. It is not conducive to good health for a pupil, after sitting in a warm room and just before a late dinner hour, when he must be

somewhat faint and therefore less able to bear exposure, to put on wraps which have been hanging in a cold room. It is surprising that there is not more sickness among the pupils. There has been a great deal of sickness among the High school pupils during the past winter, but I cannot say how much, or whether any of it is traceable to the building.

There is this opportunity, once a year, to bring school matters to your notice in an official manner. If we do not do so, you cannot be blamed if the conditions are not such as you wish. These matters need investigation for the conditions and circumstances surrounding the children during the period of their development and are of the utmost importance to all parents and the State, which represents society in general.

My opinion is that if a new building cannot now be erected, enough money should be expended upon the old one to ensure that the conditions surrounding the pupils will enable them to prosecute their work without any risk to their health, and without anything that will prevent them from concentrating their minds and energies upon their tasks.

If a new High school can be erected, it may be advisable to provide accommodation for grades nine and eight in the same building, until the High school grows to such a size that it will require all the rooms for its own use. By that time another large building will be required in the town.

During the past year such changes have been made in our text-books that we have very few poor books now in use. Prince's Arithmetic by grades has been introduced. There has always been a tendency for a teacher to spend too much time on the work of a previous grade. This series obviates much of that. When a child changes his grade he takes up an advanced book. He gets a review of his former work sufficient to enable him to take up the new, but he cannot be put back to study the old work over anew unless he is put back into the other grade.

Frye's Geographies, as they differ in their plan from the old, have not been found quite as satisfactory to the teachers. Strong criticism has been made of the book by experts who have taken an advanced position in teaching geography by the use of the old text-book. This author would first teach the natural features that determine the different phases of our complex civilization, before giving the facts of descriptive geography. In that way the pupil can be led to obtain and grasp the facts of descriptive geography. It may take a few years for the teachers to obtain as definite results from these books as from the others, for now the question must be, how do the pupils think and reason, not how much do they remember.

I prefer a child's understanding the influence of a bay's running into the land to his knowing only the name of it.

Shaw's Elements of Physics has been introduced in the High school. This book provides suitable laboratory work in that branch, and is a full course for the time we can devote to that subject.

Some few changes are necessary this year. I think we shall have to provide a laboratory manual in chemistry to take the place of the Normal school outlines which have been in use here.

All the books introduced have been in exchange for old ones in the same subjects, thus materially reducing the cost of changing.

We have introduced considerable supplementary readings during the past year. School readers have been prepared with a view to introducing selections that would contain words of a certain degree of difficulty, and enough pains has not been taken with the character of the literature. There is an abundance of the best literature that is adapted to the ability of the several grades and which is worth reading, studying and remembering on account of its intrinsic value. It is hoped we may be able to put in more supple-

mentary reading until the reading lessons will partake to a greater degree of the nature of a definite, systematic course in good literature.

By increasing the number of books that can be taken by each teacher, from four to ten, the Millicent Library has materially assisted us in our work.

To encourage the pupils to pay proper attention to their work, and not discourage the most capable, the teachers, when they find a pupil who leads his class and is capable of doing more advanced work, advance him a grade without regard to the time of the year, and conditioned only upon his doing the work of the grade to which he is transferred.

The town of Fairhaven passed the by-law enabling the Committee to send habitual truants to Walpole. It has been necessary to send three there, two being sent during the past year. The reports thus far received have been favorable and it is hoped that residence there for two years under the steady influence of good associations will result in forming such habits that they will become useful members of society. I think a mistake was made in not passing the by-law to send incorrigibles there. A few instances have arisen where the pupils have received no benefit from their school and have had a pernicious influence while attending. The Committee had no resource but to turn them into the street to practice their disobedience and disorderly behavior until such time as it may become flagrant enough for the law to take cognizance of it and make criminals of them.

During the year a few employment certificates were issued to boys over fourteen years of age. Blank forms of certificates with stubs for a permanent record should be procured.

Since the appointment of Mr. Baker as Truant Officer, it has been possible to keep the pupils at school quite regu-

larly, yet there is too much indifference on the part of some parents. It is worth very much to the child to have the idea firmly implanted that it is his business to attend school punctually and regularly, and that no consideration short of endangering the health should permit his absence from his place. That would almost certainly assure his advancement with his class every grading, his interest in his school work, and his securing all the education available which is the best equipment any parent can furnish his child.

The report of the Truant Officer is annexed. The seventeen cases of truancy reported do not mean that seventeen children have played truant, as most of those cases were occasioned by two or three.

Appended are the programmes of the graduation exercises of the High school and the Rogers, with the names of the graduates; also the reports of the music teacher and the truant officer, and the lists of authorized books.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. FREEMAN,

Superintendent of Schools.

February 14, 1896.

REPORT OF MUSIC TEACHER.

Mr. H. S. Freeman, Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—A weekly lesson is given by me in each room of the Rogers school. During the time between these lessons, the music is rehearsed daily by the room teacher.

In the lower grades, our aim is to teach the pupil to read at sight in any key. The drill is alternated by rote singing, and the little songs are a change and recreation for the children. Two part singing is introduced in the fifth grade, and in the seventh grade the pupils begin to sing in three parts.

In the first years, we try to gain accuracy, both in time and tune; in the latter part of the course, we give more attention to expression. The music in the High school is chorus work.

For the past few months there has been a marked improvement, more especially in the lower grades, and the interest has grown with this improvement.

There is need of at least two new charts for the use of rooms 1, 2 and 3, as much inconvenience is brought about by the necessity of using one chart in the three rooms. The same inconvenience is felt in rooms 7 and 8, where one set of books is used by both rooms.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET P. C. TUCKER,

Teacher of Music.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER,

FROM JANUARY, 1895, TO JANUARY, 1896.

Whole number of cases looked up,	89
Reasonable excuses,	52
Unreasonable excuses,	20
Cases of truancy,	17
	— 89
Number carried to Walpole,	2

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL J. BAKER,

Truant Officer.

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF HIGH SCHOOL,

JUNE 27, 1895.

Song—Norwegian Wedding March. Sodermann.
School.

Prayer.

Rev. O. L. Waters.

Salutatory and Essay—A View of the Negro Problem.
Jane Alden.

Essay—Civil Rights.

Annie B. Gammons.

Declamation—Toussaint L'Ouverture. Wendell Phillips.
Herbert C. Terry.

Piano Solo—Second Mazurka. Godard, Op. 54.
Lucy B. Ellis.

Class History.

Helen Maxfield.

Song—Cherry Ripe. C. E. Horn.
School.

Reading—The Broomstick Train. O. W. Holmes.
Josephine Congdon.

Essay—History of Civil Liberty.
William Garthly.

Banjo Solo—Wedding Bell Gavotte. Wm. Huntley.
Charles H. Sisson.

Essay—Sketches from Virgil's *Æneid*.
Sarah E. Howard.

Valedictory and Essay—Thoughts about American Poets.
Agnes D. Allen.

Song—The Happy Peasants. Schumann.
School.

Presentation of Diplomas.

John T. Hanna, Jr., Chairman of School Committee.

Song—America.

School.

Benediction.

Rev. O. L. Waters.

Graduates.

Jane Atwood Alden,	William David Garthly,
Agnes Dunham Allen,	Sarah Elizabeth Howard,
Lucy Babcock Ellis,	Helen Thomas Maxfield,
Josephine Helen Folger Cong-	Charles Herbert Sisson,
don,	Herbert Clinton Terry.
Annie Bethany Gammons,	

Class motto: Knowledge is Power.

Class colors: Nile green and white.

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF ROGERS SCHOOL,

JUNE 28, 1895.

Song—Summer Days.

Invocation.

Rev. Dorrall Lee.

Recitation—School Close.

Whittier.

Alice Lloyd.

Piano Duet.

Faust.

Mabel Bennett, Gertrude Card.

U. S. History Papers.

Albert Swain, Annah Dodge, Kate Dowling, Sidney Peck,
William Spiller.

Song—The Violet.

U. S. History Papers.

Gertrude Card, Arthur Fuller, Mabel Bennett, Bessie Tall-
man, Alice Lloyd, Anna Howland, Alonzo Brown.

Reading—The National Game.

Alonzo Brown.

Song—Vesper Bell.

Class.

Reading—How Ruby Played.

Annie Slater.

Piano Solo—The Music Box.

Gertrude Snow.

Essay—Our Career Through the High School.

Alice Lilley.

Song and Chorus—Bird of the Wildwood.

Bessie Noland and Class.

Fortune Telling.

Class.

Presentation of Diplomas.

Dr. C. C. Cundall.

Graduates.

Edith Emeline Ball,	Annah Adams Dodge,
Louis Henry Perry,	Alonzo Elden Brown,
Alice Lilley.	Wade Hampton Delano,
William Earnest James Spiller,	Bessie Marie Noland,
Alice Gertrude Lloyd,	Gertrude Lewis Snow,
Gertrude May Card,	Annie M. Slater,
Sydney Elmer Foster Peck,	Kate Dowling,
Elizabeth Delano Tallman,	Florence Johnson Dunham,
Arthur Beauvais Fuller,	Albert Clifton Swain,
Anna Greenwood Howland,	Mabel Elizabeth Bennett.

Class motto : Aim High.

LIST OF AUTHORIZED TEXT-BOOKS USED IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Algebra—Wentworth.
 Physics—Shaw.
 Chemistry—Shepard.
 Botany—Gray.
 Astronomy—Young.
 Physiology—Steele.
 Physical Geography—Hinman.
 Civil Government—Martin.
 English Literature—Kellog.
 Rhetoric—Lockwood.
 Shakespeare—Hudson.
 English Classic Series—Maynard, Merritt & Co.
 English Classic Series—American Book Co.
 Riverside Literature Series—Houghton, Mifflin & Co.
 English History—Montgomery.
 General History—Myers.
 French Grammar—Keetels.
 Petites Causeries—Sanveur.
 La Fontaine's Fables.
 Mere Michel et son Chat—Bidolliere.
 La Cigale—Van Daell.
 Latin Grammar—Allen & Greenough.
 Easy Latin Lessons—Lindsay & Rollins.
 Cæsar—Harper & Tolman's.
 Virgil—Harper & Miller.
 Cicero—Allen & Greenough.
 New High School Music Reader—Eichberg.

LIST OF AUTHORIZED TEXT-BOOKS USED IN
THE GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The Normal Course in Reading.
 Harper's First Reader.
 Franklin's First Reader.
 Lippincott's Readers.
 Riverside Literature Primer.
 Harrington's Speller.
 Hyde's Practical Lessons in English.
 Southworth & Goddard's Elements of Composition.
 Prince's Arithmetic by Grades.
 Meservey's Book-keeping.
 Frye's Geography.
 King's Geographical Reader.
 Eggleston's Primary History of the United States.
 Higginson's History of the United States.
 Montgomery's History of the United States.
 Bert's First Steps in Scientific Knowledge.
 Normal Music Course.
 Independent Music Reader—Mason.

THE MILLICENT LIBRARY.

[Abstract of Librarian's Report.]

It is a wise provision of our by-laws that requires that once each year the progress and needs of the library be fully and explicitly set forth.

It is impossible, however, in the limits of a report like this to give an adequate idea of the work which the library is doing. The statistics of books loaned for home use give some indication of this work, but a faint indication only, as no record is made of the books used in the library building.

The following privileges not uniformly deemed expedient in library administration have been granted to patrons :

Free access to all books in the reference room.

Free access to the shelves in the circulating department.

The privilege of taking two books on one card.

The privilege extended to teachers of taking ten books on a school card and retaining the same one month.

This liberal policy in the administration of the library which the Trustees have uniformly sanctioned and encouraged has undoubtedly done much to increase the usefulness of the institution.

ACCESSIONS.

During the year 846 volumes have been added to the library, 757 by purchase, 89 by donation.

The public library performs its proper mission, not by furnishing reading merely but by furnishing good reading.

The plan pursued in the purchase of new books has been to give precedence to books on subjects in which the library appears poorly equipped.

No attempt has been made to make collections upon special subjects, neither has it been deemed wise to encumber

the shelves with government reports or with miscellaneous pamphlets to the neglect of works of more general interest.

It must be borne in mind that after a time quite a proportion of the sum available for the purchase of new books must be devoted to replacing those which are worn out, although it is sometimes impossible and sometimes inexpedient to replace them.

The number of books missing is small as compared with the experience of other libraries granting the same privileges as our own, and shows that the confidence of the management in the integrity of the people who use the library is not misplaced.

There are now in the library 11,011 volumes.

CIRCULATION.

The circulation for 1895 was 50,358, an average of 4,196 books for each month; or 138 for each day of the year. There has been no marked decrease in the percentage of circulation of works of fiction, the figures remaining 79 per cent., the same as in 1894.

MONTHLY CIRCULATION OF BOOKS BY CLASSES FOR 1895.

	General Works.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Biography.	Fiction.	Circulation by Months.
January,	175	11	57	49	7	60	89	94	141	347	111	383	4979
February,	221	19	50	48	5	47	76	56	137	316	113	3713	4801
March,	266	23	44	45	7	50	71	57	175	368	116	4237	5459
April,	214	20	32	37	6	46	71	50	129	250	89	3732	4676
May,	192	5	30	25	4	33	51	31	118	226	90	3199	4004
June,	171	1	27	30	3	34	52	39	108	204	84	2867	3620
July,	137	10	26	31	4	33	77	39	92	166	71	3170	3856
August,	115	17	36	21	7	31	64	45	84	194	69	3040	3723
September,	112	3	23	17	7	36	66	33	82	163	75	3005	3622
October,	152	4	38	37	1	53	46	33	94	174	71	2921	3624
November,	151	5	40	42	5	43	72	62	112	177	71	3211	3991
December,	171	12	38	31	4	54	73	60	97	175	79	3209	4003
	2077	130	441	413	60	520	808	599	1369	2760	1039	40142	

Total, 50,358.

From the table the character of the circulation may be seen. After fiction, which is most largely read in every public library, the subjects most in demand are, in their respective order—History; General works, periodicals, &c.; Literature; Biography; Useful Arts; Fine Arts; Natural Science; Religion; Sociology; Philosophy; Philology.

PERIODICALS.

The reading room has been well supplied with leading periodicals. It should be the aim of every public library to make available to the public information of practical value. In order to do this publications of the highest class must be kept on file. Some of the magazines today contain the best contributions to literature and science, and in connection with the modern methods of indexing hold a high rank as permanent reference books.

There are now 83 periodicals on our list divided as follows: 1 quarterly; 33 monthlies; 39 weeklies and 10 dailies.

REGISTRATION.

In my last annual report I called attention to the fact that 2,204 persons had received cards up to Jan. 1st, 1894, and I observed that the list of applicants for the privileges of the library would not be much increased during the next few years as nearly every family in town had one or more cards. It was a surprise then that 334 names were added to the list during 1895, making a total registration of 2,539 to Jan. 1st, 1896.

BINDING.

So great is the damage to books which are in constant circulation that the amount of money necessary to maintain the library in good condition increases from year to year. The bills for binding are also increased by the number of periodicals received from the reading room. Five hundred and twenty-nine volumes were rebound during the year at a cost of \$180.72.

CARD CATALOGUE.

A card catalogue of all the fiction in the library has been completed, and the work for the coming year will be in the direction of supplying as soon as possible a catalogue of the additions in the other departments of the library since the printing of the Finding-list.

Leaflets, four in number, have been printed and distributed to patrons free of charge. This has proved a convenient method of bringing new books to the attention of the public.

Nothing more need be said regarding the work which the library is doing for the people of the town. That its privileges are heartily appreciated and that its influences are immeasurably for good is clearly evidenced by the extent and diversity of its patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. STEVENS, *Librarian*.

Fairhaven, Mass., Jan. 14, 1896.



